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Angry Venice parents grill Doughty



Scott Cousins photos

Above, Savannah Buchanan, who has children in the Venice School District, angrily fires off a question about Venice School Superintendent James Doughty's tactics during an explosive Venice School Board meeting at the Venice High School gym Thursday night. Buchanan and others questioned Doughty's lockout of several VHS students Tuesday and his refusal to cooperate with board members, police, officials and the media. At right, Doughty responds to the accusations that have been flying around him.



Few answers given during tense meeting

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

Angry parents in the Venice School District had a lot of questions but got few answers at a stormy meeting Thursday.

More than 150 parents and others moved to the high school gym — to ask questions and complain about the lockout of students at Venice High School Tuesday, the need for armed security guards at the school and the actions of Superintendent James Doughty.

After conducting routine business, Board President Alvester Salmond said people would be allowed to ask questions, but said personnel

issues could not be discussed in public.

After the questions, Doughty talked briefly about Wednesday's situation.

The board then went into executive session, which did not end until about 12:30 a.m. No action was taken after the executive session.

The rash of incidents and complaints were sparked by the suspension of Principal Annette Alexander Tuesday. According to a secretary at the board office, she was not at the high school Friday.

After Alexander's suspension, students apparently staged a protest, during which a fire alarm was pulled. Students who left the building were not allowed to return.

During the incidents, Doughty refused to speak to

parents, the media or police.

Parent James Straughter was one of those upset by the superintendent's actions.

He did not have time to speak to me, he did not have time to speak to the chief of police, he did not have time to speak to other parents," Straughter said.

"As a concerned parent of a student in this school, we would like to know exactly what is going on in the school. If you don't have time to tell us something, you should have at some point at some time told someone something."

Straughter said he understood why they couldn't discuss personnel matters, but added "the students are our business."

James Edwards, another

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Madison man shot in Venice

Incident may be related to recent one

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

A shooting in Venice Thursday evening may be related to a similar incident in Madison last week.

A Madison man was treated and released from St. Elizabeth Medical Center for a gunshot wound to his left leg.

According to reports, at about 9:39 p.m. police received a 911 call reporting a man was shot in the 1200 block of Robin Street. A few moments later another 911 call reported gunshots near that location.

An officer who had been on duty at the Venice School Board meeting responded to the scene, about a block away. When he arrived, the victim's friends were getting ready to take him to the hospital.

The officer persuaded the men to wait for an ambulance. The victim told police that he and a friend had just got out of a car and were heading to the house when he saw "two dudes" walking toward them.

The victim said he then saw one of the men put a hood over his head. He then told his friend something was wrong and the two ran for the house as the two suspects started running toward them. The

friend had just made it through the door when the victim told police he heard a shot and felt a sharp pain in his left leg.

Police at the scene said the weapon may have been a .30-30 rifle.

According to police reports, the victim's cousin was also shot in a similar incident Feb. 19 in Madison.

In that case, the victim was in a car at the intersection of Market and Ewing when a man ran up to the car and fired a small-caliber handgun. The bullet struck the victim in the leg.

Police said they believe the same car was used both times.

Martin retires as county court bailiff

Granite City resident served in position 22 years

By Curtiss A. Hartley
 Staff writer

Jean Martin, of Granite City, retires Friday after almost 22 years as a bailiff in the Madison County Court House. Martin has spent the last four years working for the five judges in the Family Division.

"I've worked in criminal court, all over," Martin said. "I've really enjoyed working here. It's been a great job."

Bailiff Fred Perry has

worked with Martin for the past 12 years. He speaks about her with admiration and obvious friendship.

"She looks too young to retire, doesn't she," Perry said.

"We're really going to miss her around here. She's well respected," he said. "She has a talent for really helping people."

Martin sat at a desk outside a courtroom, with a small paper sign posted on the wall behind her that says, "Good luck Jean Martin." She wore a large corsage, and a bright smile. Several people stopped

by the desk to wish Martin well, to give her a hug, and to congratulate her.

"I plan to just take it easy," Martin said. "I just want to see what it feels like not to have to be responsible. Then, later, maybe I'll look for something to do," she said.

"I have two sons and a daughter, nine grandchildren and a great grandchild (in the area)," Martin said. "They should help keep me busy."

She said the thing that stands out in her memory is from when she just started work at the courthouse:

"There were a couple of trials where a wife had the husband killed. One was from Granite City. It was unusual and I couldn't get over it, that they had them killed for the insurance."

She said there hasn't been a lot of change in her job, except for sequestering jurors.

"For murder trials they used to sequester the jurors at the Holiday Inn, and it was our job to make sure no one talked to them," Martin said. "They don't sequester juries now."



Madison County bailiff Jean Martin, right, laughs with her best friend and co-worker, bailiff Linda Dugman, Tuesday at the Madison County Courthouse as they look over a scrapbook collected since Martin started work as a bailiff in October 1977. Martin retired from her position Friday after 22 years as a bailiff for various Madison County courts.

Margie M. Barnes photo

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Granite City

DUI: A Fairmont City man was charged Thursday for DUI and failure to reduce his speed to avoid an accident.

The man charged was Joseph Resmann, 60, of 5100 Collinsville Rd., Lot 7.

According to Granite City police, two vehicles were stopped at a railroad track in the westbound lane on Illinois 162 east of Maryville. As an oncoming train approached the vehicles about 9:36, Resmann's car allegedly struck the vehicles.

When a responding officer arrived at the scene, he was told by the suspect that his brake pad fell off. The officer looked for the pad but, did not find it.

During a conversation with the suspect, however, the officer did smell alcohol on the suspect's breath. The suspect was given a breathalyzer test. He was then taken to the police station, where he was later released on \$100 bond.

STOLEN PROPERTY: An employee who works for a rental company got a little

more than he expected Thursday when he went to the home of a person who allegedly took merchandise from it.

According to Granite City police, when the employee arrived at the suspect's home about 2:25 p.m. to inquire about the allegedly stolen merchandise, the suspect gave the employee some of it back, as well as a punch to the face.

The employee then contacted the police, who arrived at the suspect's home to find that he had fled the area and could not be found.

Madison County Sheriff

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE:

Jeffrey A. Ziglar, 37, and Carolyn M. Warren, 36, both of Staunton, were charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance and unlawful use of a weapon after an incident that occurred at 11:17 p.m. Feb. 23 at Harrison Street and Roosevelt Street in Madison.

Additionally, Ziglar was

charged with driving with no lights and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Warren was also charged with possession of a firearm without a Firearm Owner Identification card, possession of ammunition without a FOID card and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

After a traffic stop, sheriff's deputies allegedly found three "rocks" of crack cocaine, a loaded .32-caliber revolver and a homemade pipe used for smoking crack cocaine in the car in which Ziglar and Warren were riding.

BURGLARY: A resident of the 300 block of Villawood in Collinsville reported that between 6 p.m. Feb. 18 and 12:50 a.m. Feb. 19, someone entered her car and took a cellular telephone, approximately 200 CDs in a soft case, two bottles of designer perfume and a men's plaid shirt.

The items were valued at \$2,160.

State's Attorney Office

The Madison County State's Attorney's office has filed the following charges:

Manly Quintero, 36, was charged with aggravated DUI. His bail was set at \$25,000.

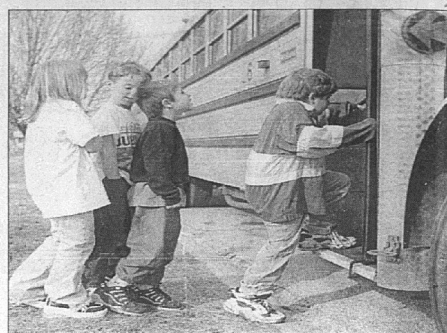
Quintero was picked up by the Collinsville Police Department on Feb. 20 on Collinsville Road in Collinsville, with a blood alcohol content of 10 or more, according to the information filed. He had been previously convicted of DUI July 21, 1988, and April 5, 1995.

In addition, the following were charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance by the Granite City Police Department:

* Miguel A. Chambers, 32, from an incident on Nov. 20. Bail was set at \$20,000.

* Geneva Cromer, 45, from an incident on Nov. 19. Bail was set at \$15,000.

* Joseph K. Beavin, 38, from an incident on Nov. 20. Bail was set at \$20,000.



Getting off safely

Students at Wilson Elementary School learn how to safely board their school bus during a recent school bus safety seminar held at the school. Drivers and administrators explained bus rules and procedures with some 200 bus-riding students at the facility.

Church construction dispute occupies Granite City Council

By Mike Heil
Staff writer

Is the church that will be built on East 23rd Street a pole barn or a pre-engineered structure?

That question was a matter of dispute between Mayor Ron Selph and aldermen at Tuesday night's Granite City Council meeting.

Selph said the Granite City Four Square Gospel Church that is slated to be built at the site is a pre-engineered structure. Selph recently issued a permit that would allow a 100-by-225-foot structure to be built.

Selph's decision to grant the permit overrode an earlier decision in which Zoning Administrator Glen Hollis denied the permit. Selph's reversal prompted Council Chairman Tarpoiff to question if Selph

had the authority to override Hollis.

Tarpoiff said that City Attorney Keith Jensen should look into Selph's decision to make sure of its legality.

Aldermen voted 8-5 to have Jensen determine if Selph had the power to override Hollis. Council members Leo Wollord, Lurton Pulley, Foster "Freddie" Ederick, Brian Fuzessery and Mac Warfield voted against the measure. Aldermen who voted in favor were Casmer Skubish, Kim MacTaggart, Tarpoiff, Nick Petrillo, Sandy Smith, Bob Cook, Eddie Asadorian and Pat Davis.

Tarpoiff said that the public has the right to appeal and discuss a decision made by the zoning administrator, but an appeal can't be made to overturn Selph's decision. Tarpoiff added that is why it is important that Jensen look into the reversal because there could be a sway of power

toward the mayor, which he said could "alter the balance of power."

Skubish, who pleaded to Selph to look hard at his decision to grant the permit, said the aldermen should also be concerned that the building could become an attraction for crime, especially if people congregate in the area.

"There are people in the surrounding neighborhoods who will fear for their children's safety," he said. "Lake School administrators will have the same fears, since the school will be close to the church."

Selph assured Skubish that the church would be used for church services and as a food pantry and not for housing. "I was told by church officials that all safety procedures would be met and that a fence or shrubbery would be added so that people in the area would have some privacy," Selph said.

Panel seeking new applicants

The Southern Illinois District Council of Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Committee has announced that applications will be available for apprenticeship training in the carpentry trade April 5-9 and April 12-16.

All applicants must be at least 17 years old and must submit a physical from a licensed physician, high school diploma or GED certificate, grade transcript, record of previous work experience and three written character references.

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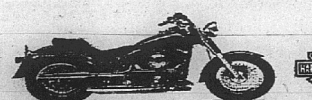
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Mobile homes get Pontoon board's OK

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A special use permit to allow 261 mobile homes to be placed in a new mixed-use development was approved by the Pontoon Beach Village Board Tuesday evening.

The permit was requested by property owner Charles Luchmann and developer Tom Glosier. The mobile homes would be part of a larger development including residential, commercial and light industrial development near the intersection of Illinois 162 and Interstate 255. The village's Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on the request Feb. 15.

A number of residents opposed the special use permit, citing drainage and

other problems. However, the Zoning Board unanimously approved the request.

The 102-acre development was rezoned from agricultural to a mix of commercial, residential and industrial in November.

The board also approved the annexation of the 4.52-acre Greenlee Subdivision. SCB Development Co. of Granite City plans to

subdivide the property into three lots. Part of the property will be zoned for single-family residences, while the rest would be for business.

Developers plan a mini-storage facility at the site.

In other business, the board approved two business licenses and tabled a third.

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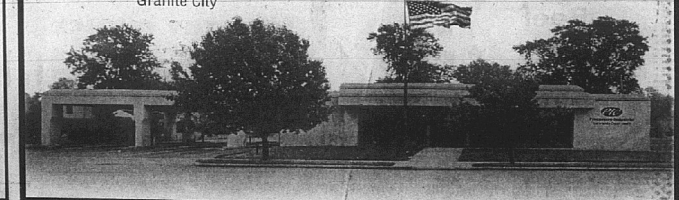
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parent, said he wanted to know why a security guard "put his hands on my son" and tried to provoke him.

"When he put his hands on my son, he put his hands on me," Edwards said.

He also questioned the need for armed security guards. "We don't need nobody walking around in here with guns," Edwards said.

That was echoed by board member Tyrone Q. Echols.

"I don't think there is any need for armed guards to be in our schools," he said.

He added that the way the situation was handled was "very irresponsible."

In addition to the private security, Venice police and Illinois State Police attended the meeting.

The only "problem" occurred when Salmond's son started yelling after she was criticized by people in the crowd.

After questions, Doughty talked briefly about Tuesday's

incidents.

"When we had a major disruption going on the halls at the school with a number of students out of class, my responsibility and number one concern at that point was the safety and security at school," he said. "I did not have time at that point to talk to parents and other individuals."

He added that he told parents he would be "happy" to talk to them once order was restored.

He also said the students were not allowed to return to class because they left the building.

"The policy of the school district is that if students leave the school building, they are not to return," he said.

"Students participated in a demonstration and walked out of the building."

He said there was one "minor" fire in a trash can Tuesday, but it was put out "immediately."

Doughty also said he was preparing a "full" report on the incident, which would be

made available to the board and public.

After the board went into executive session, many of the people went outside and talked about the meeting. Most had left by shortly after 9 p.m.

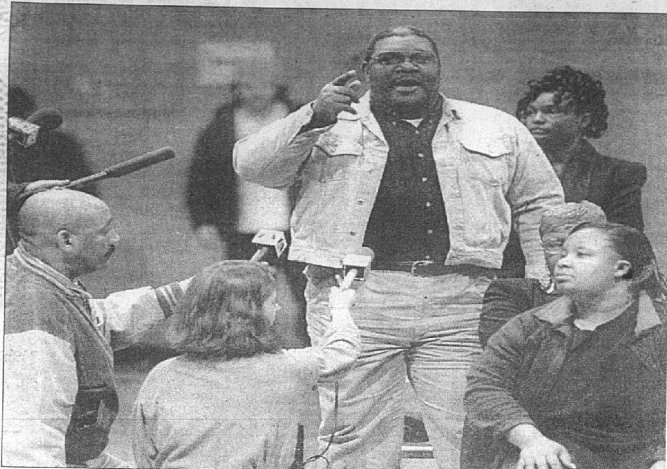
Before going into executive session, board member Metro Pierson said she didn't think much was accomplished.

"I think there is still a lot of confusion. I don't think a lot of things got accomplished," she said. "I don't think we've done the community justice."

"I just hope that we can solve this and get to the business of educating our children," she said.

Some of the parents circulated petitions seeking help from the county and state and said they planned to attend Tuesday night's Venice City Council meeting.

Mayor Tyrone Echols said he is considering moving the meeting to the senior citizen's center.



Scott Cousins photo

As television reporters gather around, James Edwards, who has a son who attends Venice High School, questions why a security guard tried to provoke his son into an incident during a tense meeting of the Venice School Board Thursday night. The meeting was held in the wake of several controversial incidents involving Venice School Superintendent James Doughty, including one where he locked out several VHS students protesting the suspension of Venice High's principal.

Madison considers land for new fire station

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Land deals that could lead to a new fire station and walking park in the city of Madison are being considered.

MADISON

The city is seeking to obtain the old junior high school property bordered by Second, Third and Alton streets and is also negotiating with Madison County over the sale of the

present fire station and old city hall.

At Tuesday's meeting, the City Council approved a bill for \$262 for a title search on the junior high school property.

Mayor John Hamm said the school district is willing to turn over the property which the city now leases for one dollar per year for parking at the Third Street ball diamond — to the city.

"They were looking for a legal description of the property. I told them we could do that," he said.

Eventually, he wants to incorporate that land into the city's tax increment financing district. That would allow the city to use TIF funds for up to 75 percent of the construction costs.

The present TIF district is wholly commercial and light industrial. Part of the TIF addition would include East Madison.

The rest of the old school property would probably be used for some kind of park

setting.

Hamm said they hope to obtain a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to fund some improvements.

"Our intentions are for a gazebo area and a walking track and incorporate that in with the renovation of the ball diamond," Hamm said.

Hamm added that they hope to be able to attract car and vendor displays from Gateway International Raceway during major races.

While this is going on, the city is also negotiating with Madison County over the present fire station and old city hall on Third Street.

"We're just starting to negotiate," Hamm said.

"Besides, we need a new fire station. The old city hall is being used as a satellite office by the Probation Department. Eventually, the department hopes to expand operations at that location to include on-site programs such as counseling and related social services."

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This '80' percenter' is under question

But don't expect death penalty to be abolished

Most state legislators, like most of their constituents, support the death penalty.

The consensus in our society is the death penalty is needed and you won't find many politicians who are willing to go up against such a widely held belief.

It's what's known as an "80 percenter." When an issue is supported (or opposed) by 80 percent of the populace, then it becomes something that figures into how people vote.

If you are on the wrong side of an 80 percenter, like imposing the death penalty or saving Social Security, then you are much less likely to be elected. For the most part, people spend very little time deciding which candidates to vote for, so they use these touchstone issues to quickly weed out the undesirables.

It's no surprise then politicians are not naturally inclined to make life easier for death row prisoners.

After Anthony Porter was released from death row recently, just months after Rolando Cruz and Alejandro Hernandez were found to have been wrongly condemned to die, Gov. George Ryan's first reaction was to dismiss the outcry for reform.

His spokesman said the system had worked fine, even though Porter was released after serving 17 years for a crime he didn't commit and came within 48 hours of being executed. End of story, move on.

But Americans generally support fairness and polls have been shown a majority of them worry about people being mistakenly executed — 58 percent in a 1993 poll conducted by a Republican polling firm.

The complete absurdity of his spokesman's comments apparently struck Ryan. The governor agreed to convene a summit on the death by penalty and even review all the death row cases that are out there now before more executions are carried out — a de facto moratorium.

Don't expect Ryan or anyone else to go too far, however. Ryan and most of the General Assembly still support the death penalty and they believe the public does as well.

And they also worry what could happen if they loosen things up too much and accidentally create a backlash if an awful murderer somehow escapes the noose.

On some level, though, they have to identify with people like Anthony Porter and Rolando Cruz.

Politicians these days know all too well what it's like to be targeted by over-zealous prosecutors who will do almost anything to win convictions. And I'm not just talking about the president's predicament.

Illinois legislators don't have to look far to see a prime example of this in their own ranks.

Not long before Porter was released, former state Rep. Miguel Santiago (D-Chicago) was found innocent in a federal corruption trial after spending thousands of dollars on his defense and losing his reputation.

Lots of legislators from both political parties attended Santiago's victory party in Springfield and they all raised their spines for fear they could be next on the hit list.

There are polls that suggest our support for the death penalty isn't as strong as the media and the politicians generally have us believe.

A survey taken in 1993 by The Terrance Group, a Republican polling firm, found that support for capital punishment dropped from 77 percent down to 41 percent when people were given the option of choosing life sentences without parole plus restitution. A Gallup poll found similar results.

But, again, most legislators were elected on pro-death penalty platforms and the vast majority are true believers. So very few, if any, will take the radical step of renouncing their former positions.

However, since even the conservative Senate Republicans are showing a willingness to work on the issue, we'll probably see some significant, but not huge, reforms in the death penalty law this spring.

Don't kid yourself, though, that the death penalty will be abolished in this state anytime soon.

VOICE BOX

New York City recently passed a law permanently impounding the cars of suspected drunk drivers. What do you think about this law ?



"I think that is pretty strict, but on the other hand, drunk driving should be dealt with severely. I have lost several friends to drunk drivers over the past few years."

Jennifer Wood, 31
Airport worker



"I don't think they should take the car away forever. But there should be punishment for drinking and driving."

Sharon Voloski, 34
Secretary



"First of all, the people are crazy to let such a law pass. If it were drugs, I could see it. But taking the car away for good, that's going a little too far."

Cindy Lupardus, 38
Housewife



"I think it's wrong to go somewhere in the car when you drink beer. But if you do, and they take the car away from you, how will all the people get to work?"

Edward Wilkinson, 9
Student



"I don't believe anyone should drink and drive. But taking the car away forever, that's going too far. This is an outrage. It seems to me the people of New York have never heard of the phrase 'falsely accused.'"

Angie Ochoa, 18
Student

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Interviewed at Prather School, Granite City

Opinions



What will students need in the next century?

Learning, comprehension and interpersonal skills top the list

By Dr. Tom Fegley

We've all heard of David Letterman's Top 10 Lists. Well, here are some Top 10 Lists of another kind. (Never mind that there are 11 items in the last list.)

About three years ago, a book entitled "Preparing Students for the 21st Century" came across my desk. As I read through the book, I came across three lists that I found extremely interesting.

In her research project, Donna Uchida engaged a panel of distinguished experts throughout America who were willing to participate as the Council of 55.

These 55 individuals from such fields as education, business, government, psychology, sociology, anthropology and demography were asked to name the most important knowledge, skills and behavior students will need to exhibit if they are to prosper in the 21st century.

Here are the lists reported in the book:

What academic content will students need to master to succeed in the 21st century?

1. Math, logic and reasoning skills; functional and operational literacy; and an understanding of statistics.

2. Critical interpersonal skills, including speaking, listening and the ability to be part of a team.

3. Effective information accessing and processing skills using technology.

4. Writing skills to enable students to communicate effectively.

5. Knowledge of American history and government to function in a democratic society and an understanding of issues surrounding patriotism.

6. Scientific knowledge base, including applied science.

7. An understanding of the history of the world and of world affairs.

8. Multicultural understanding, including insights into diversity and the need for an international perspective.

9. Knowledge of foreign languages.

10. Knowledge of world geography.

What skills will students need for the 21st century?

1. Oral and written communication skills.

2. Critical thinking, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

3. Self-discipline.

4. Skill in the use of computers and other technologies.

5. Job success skills.

6. Adaptability and flexibility.

7. Conflict resolution and negotiation skills.

8. Being able to conduct research and interpret and apply data.

9. Knowledge of other languages, being multilingual.

10. Comprehensive reading and understanding skills.

What behaviors will students need to exhibit to be prepared for the 21st century?

1. Understanding and practicing honesty, integrity and the golden rule.

2. Respect for the value of effort, understanding the work ethic and need for individual contributions, and self-discipline.

3. Understanding and respect for those not like you, an appreciation of diversity.

4. Capacity to work with others as a team member.

5. Taking increased responsibility for one's own actions.

6. Respect for others and for authority.

7. Commitment to family life, personal life and community.

8. Pride in U.S. citizenship and knowledge of individual responsibilities in a democracy.

9. Willingness to civilly resolve disagreements.

10. Recognition and respect for educators.

11. Being excited about life and setting goals for lifelong learning.

It would seem to me that these lists provide a pretty good prescription to guide parents and schools in preparing young people for their adult lives.

Dr. Tom Fegley is superintendent of Collinsville's Unit 10 School District.

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Tri-City raises

By Mike Staff writer

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Tri-Cities United Way raises \$1.2 million

By Mike Hill
Staff writer

The 1998 Tri-Cities Area United Way campaign raised \$1,204,140 for local health and human services organizations in the Tri-City area. The figure was up by about \$50,000 from the 1997 campaign.

Karen Brown, campaign associate

Tri-City Area United Way, said that the numbers for this year were impressive.

"Everyone who supported us should be commended for their efforts, time, energy and the money they helped raise," Brown said. "The money will only benefit our area."

Some of it is being used through a food pantry program to feed needy families. It is also being used to help the needy with rent payments and pharmaceutical bills.

"This is a small portion to how the money is used," Brown said. "We have a host of programs that aid our community."

The Tri-City area United Way celebrated the results

of its 1998 campaign Tuesday at a rally at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church.

Dan Brown, 1998 chairman, told a large contingency of United Way supporters that people who work together in a community get results. He said there is no better way to help the community than through the United Way.

"It is the best way to address regional human services and issues," he said. "These dollars get results."

About 400 businesses in the Tri-City area participate in the United Way drive each year. Karen Brown said that the numbers are growing, adding that Southwest Steel Supply and American Colloid were two new 1998 contributors.

"Each year, we look for and get new supporters," she said. "As we grow, so do our dollars."

Two of the largest contributors to the organization year in and out, according to Brown, are National Steel, Granite City Division, and Granite City Steel.

Obituaries

Robert Carbaugh

ROBERT "BOB" CARBAUGH, 74, of Granite City, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 1999, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Mr. Carbaugh was born May 24, 1924, in Gravelly. He was retired from Granite City Steel. Mr. Carbaugh was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors include his daughters, Sue Cobb of St. Charles, Mo., and Beth Rainwater of Chesterfield, Mo.; one sister, Marie Charlton of Glen Carbon; five grandchildren, Eric and Sarah Cobb, both of St. Charles, Mo., and Maggie, Jessie, and Robyn Rainwater, all of Chesterfield, Mo.; one great-grandchild, Savannah Jasper of Chesterfield, Mo.; and close friend Dennis Meyer and his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Jesse Carbaugh, and one brother, Donald Carbaugh. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, Feb. 28, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 1, at the funeral home with the Rev. Joe Larson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Myrtle Dillie

MYRTLE (MOELLENBROCK) DILLIE, 95, of Granite City, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1999, at Palm Island, Fla. Mrs. Dillie was born April 28, 1903, in St. Louis. She was a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Marian Auer of Clayton, Mo.; two grandsons, Arthur Auer II and David Auer, and four great-grandchildren, Alex and Sam Auer and Hannah and Stephanie Auer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Dillie, and her parents, William and Caroline (Vollend) Moellenbrock. Services were held Saturday, Feb.

27, 1999, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church or the donor's choice.

Georgia Harlow

GEORGIA E. (WATKINS) HARLOW, 85, of North Fort Myers, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 1999, in North Fort Myers.

Mrs. Harlow was born March 22, 1913, in Kennett, Mo. She was the retired co-owner of Supreme Appliances, a member of Suburban Baptist Church, treasurer of St. Elizabeth Nurses Alumni Association, Elletts Business Women's Association and Minerva Reading Club in Granite City; past president of the Mothers Club; and chairman of the Cancer Drive in Madison, Fla. She was a member of the 850 Boosters Club of the Shriners.

Survivors include her daughters, Mrs. Ronald Lybarger of Fort Myers, Fla., and Mrs. Sogge Redmon of Collinsville; one brother, Van Watkins; three grandchildren, Lynne, Saeell, Ronald Lybarger Jr. and Kai Redmon; and one great-grandchild, Ashley Lybarger.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Harlow; her parents, Van and Maggie Watkins; and three brothers, Bill Watkins, Bob Watkins and Jake Watkins. Services were held Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Ron Zankus officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Suburban Baptist Church or Hope Hospice, Ash Grove, 10001 Prado Blvd., South Cape Coral, Fla., 33909.

Dale G. Hyle, 99, of Colonnades Nursing Home in Granite City, died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Hyle was born Nov. 26, 1909.

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He was a retired lawyer and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, a former member of the Assistant Attorney General's office and a 1930 graduate of Wesleyan College.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Hyle; his parents, Fred and Grace Hyle; one son, Delmar Hyle; and brothers and sisters. Services were held Saturday, Feb. 27, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Brian Caughlan officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Darron Stafford
DARRON LEE "ROADKILL" STAFFORD SR., 39, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1999, at Granite City.

Mr. Stafford was born Jan. 27, 1960, in St. Louis. He was a truck driver for R.M. Bowler Contractor in Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl (Turner) Stafford; his father and stepmother, James and Mary Stafford Sr. of Columbia; two sons, Darron Stafford Jr. and Joshua Stafford; one daughter, Nathasha Howell of Granite City; two sisters, Karen Stafford of Granite City and Jackie Hoffman of Red Bud; and his paternal grandfather, Cecil Chiam of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jackie Houston.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 20, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Les Atkins officiating.

Sophie Svoboda
SOPHIE (STRAYCHEK) SVOBODA, 66, of Wood River, formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1999, at VIP Manor in Wood River.

Mrs. Svoboda was born Aug. 29, 1912, in Oakshosh, Wis. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Carl Svoboda of Bethalto; one sister, Helen Hirschy of Fairview Heights; three grandchildren, Tim Svoboda of Glen Carbon, Carla Stize of Ballwin, Mo., and Jeannie Burch of Edwardsville; one step-grandchild, Brian Harshbarger of Cottage Hills; eight great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Svoboda; her parents, Frank and Mary Stachek.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 26, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

assessments in 1972. He was not recommended for reappointment by former Madison County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer in 1994.

After pleading guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit bribery and four counts of official misconduct, Barton spent three months in the county jail in 1987. Prosecutors had said he was involved in the improper lowering of property tax assessments during his terms in office.

But Barnett said her brother had never done anything wrong and was cleared of the crimes by the authorities after serving his time in jail.

"They returned his pension and his back pay," she said. "He didn't want it in the paper."

Present Supervisor of Assessments Debra Ming, who worked with Barton from 1972-84, agreed. She said she recalls the ruling on her former boss' guilt reversed.

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Senator discusses education, possible teaching academy

By Jason White
Staff writer

State Sen. James F. Clayborne Jr., D-Bellefonte, said Tuesday he is working with local officials to bring a teachers academy to the Metro-East.

Clayborne spoke to about 40 people at the monthly Cahokia town meeting at Bethel United Church of Christ.

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The teachers academy is a 10-week training course open to teachers in all subjects, Clayborne said. Specialists instruct teachers on new teaching methods. "It will give teachers a resource where they can go to strengthen themselves," Clayborne said.

An academy in Chicago has contributed to reduced dropout rates, he said.

"Teachers have been able to be more creative,"

Clayborne said. Clayborne said he does not know where the academy will be but said he expects a decision within a few months.

Clayborne said he and Cahokia School District Superintendent Bob Bresnahan are working on the proposal.

Clayborne also addressed education funding. He said he will introduce a bill to allow school districts to increase their debt limit. Some districts that qualify for funds under the state's construction grant program can't propose bond issues to provide matching funds, Clayborne said.

Clayborne also said he wants to fund schools from income taxes instead of property taxes.

"No child should be penalized based on the value of his home," Clayborne said. "In my district, we're spending about \$3,800 per child, while in some of the

collar counties (in suburban Chicago) they're spending \$15,000 per child."

Clayborne pointed out that the state spends four times as much building new prisons than building new schools.

"I think at some point, we've got to go to the front and try to stop the problems," said Clayborne, a former child support prosecutor. "The biggest impact you can make on a child is K-3 (kindergarten through third grade)."

Clayborne said he is optimistic about working with Republican Gov. George Ryan, who has proposed spending 51 percent of new state revenue on education.

"There are a lot of Democrats that are optimistic about George Ryan," Clayborne said. "I think he will work with both sides."

Granite City elementary students presenting art throughout March

As part of National Fine Arts Month, elementary students in the Granite City School District will be making presentations including art, music and other activities during Parent-Teacher Association meetings beginning Tuesday.

Presentations will be made at the following schools:

- Prather — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2. A K-6 art exhibit, music and dance video.
- Mitchell — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4. A K-6 art exhibit.
- Lake — 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10. A music program by special education students, and a K-6 art exhibit.
- Frohardt — 7 p.m.

Monday, March 15. A grade level art exhibit during the week, and a fourth grade recorder demonstration.

• Niedringhaus — 7 p.m. Monday, March 15. A first grade musical in the school gym, K-6 art exhibit, and video and computer displays of fine arts activities.

• Marshall — 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16. First through sixth-grade vocal concert in the gym as part of the "World's Largest Concert" repertoire, and a K-6 art exhibit.

• Wilson — 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18. A display of student art work in the library during the week, and a K-6 art exhibit.

• Maryville — 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18. A K-6 art exhibit.

• Worthen — 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18. A third-grade recorder demonstration and a K-6 art exhibit.

On Thursday, March 11, students from several elementary schools will be participating in the 16th annual nationwide sing-along from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The program will be viewed via satellite on public broadcasting stations. Locally it can be viewed on KETC-TV, channel 9.

In Brief

Holy Family taking registration

Holy Family School will be having registration for full-day kindergarten and new students March 3.

Registration will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria, located at 1900 St. Clair Ave., Granite City.

Uniform fittings and orders will be taken at this time. Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 1999.

Parents must bring a birth certificate and baptismal record, unless already on file with Holy Family Parish, a Social Security number and an

\$80 registration/book/ supply fee. For information, call 877-5500.

Society schedules next meeting

The Old Six Mile Historical Society will hold its next general meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at First United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Pontoon Road.

Retired letter carrier Orville Hammett will speak on "Our First Cemetery," located behind Kirkpatrick Homes. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Branson gospel

group performs

"Chosen Few," a gospel group from Branson, Mo., will be in concert Sunday at Grace Baptist Church, 2600 Edwards St., Granite City.

The group will present a mini-concert at the 8:30 a.m. worship service and then perform a full concert at the 10:30 a.m. service.

The group has been the resident gospel group at Silver Dollar City since 1992 and has been featured on the 700 Club, The Odyssey Network and The Inspirational Network.

Over the past five years, the group has performed for more than 4 million people.

Westmoreland gets life without parole for role in Abeln killing

By Jason White
Staff writer

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A federal judge on Thursday sentenced a Florissant, Mo., man to life in prison for his role in a drug conspiracy.

Guy J. Westmoreland, 37, of 275 St. Ferdinand St., was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

A grand jury indicted Westmoreland last year for conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana. A jury convicted him after a two-week trial in August.

Evidence established that Westmoreland and Richard C. Abeln of Sappington in south St. Louis County had plotted to kill Abeln's wife, Debra Abeln, to conceal their drug trafficking.

U.S. District Judge William Stiehl ruled that Westmoreland, because of his role in the killing, was subject to a life sentence.

A masked gunman fatally shot Debra Abeln twice with a sawed-off shotgun on Dec. 27, 1997, at CRT Aviation, Richard Abeln's business at Parks Airport in Cahokia. The shooting was staged to look

like a robbery. Abeln and his 12-year-old son witnessed the shooting.

Richard Abeln has two other children, ages 17 and 21. Police said Abeln confessed to having Westmoreland set up the shooting to settle a debt. A state police investigator testified in St. Louis federal court last January that

Westmoreland told him that DeAndre Lewis, an employee at Westmoreland's gas station,

was the gunman. Lewis is serving a sentence on unrelated federal weapons and drug charges.

Abeln was charged last Feb. 4 with using an international transportation facility, Parks Airport, in a murder conspiracy and with interstate travel to commit a murder.

Abeln has since recanted his confessions and pleaded not guilty last February. He faces the death penalty if convicted.

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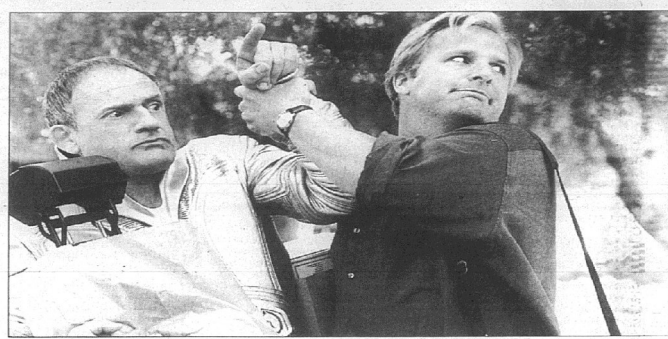
'My Favorite Martian' mediocre at best

They never learn, it seems. Retooling boomer television for a 1990s movie audience hasn't worked yet. "Leave It to Beaver" fell utterly flat. "Lost in Space" was visually lavish but dramatically mediocre. Now comes "My Favorite Martian," and, sadly, it's no different.

That's not to say there's anything wrong with the resurrection of the harangued and antennae Uncle Martin, played this time around with the appropriate gusto and mania by Christopher Lloyd. It's good, clean, occasionally entertaining fun. It's just maddeningly bland; one expects more from the movies than from a TV series.

Tim O'Hara (Jeff Daniels) is a bumbling local TV news producer trying to keep his job and find the big story that will get his career going and get him noticed by glamorous reporter Bruce Channing (Elizabeth Hurley), the daughter of the station manager (Michael Lerner). But Tim doesn't realize that his technician, Lizzie (Daryl Hannah), is in love with him. One night, as Tim drives home on a coastal highway after ostensibly being fired, he sees a UFO fall from the sky and crash. When he climbs over a ridge to check it out, he finds giant track marks but only a tiny, toy-sized ship, which he picks up and throws in his car.

It seems the ship, which is shrinkable, is from Mars, and its inhabitants — one exasperated extraterrestrial and his animated, wisecracking space suit — want the craft back. The ship-shifting Martian takes the form of Christopher Lloyd, shows up at Tim's door and takes up residence, letting Tim in on his secret but appearing to the outside world as Tim's



Christopher Lloyd and Jeff Daniels in a scene from the Walt Disney Pictures' film, 'My Favorite Martian.'

eccentric Uncle Martin. Thus does Tim embark on a series of wacky misadventures pegged loosely to getting Martin back to Mars, helping him evade some dissection-minded government types — and, of course, getting Tim the biggest story of his life. Various Saturday-morning-style hijinks ensue.

The biggest problem of "My Favorite Martian" is that it lacks an edge. Its promising approach — sort of a Three Stooges meets "Close Encounters" — never gets off the ground. It tries to bite occasionally, but is so concerned with remaining a kid-friendly movie that it keeps sinking into pablum. Lloyd makes a natural Uncle Martin, a worthy successor to Ray Walston's perpetually aggravated spaceman from the

1963-66 series. Lloyd, a great comic actor, seems natural for a role like this. He does his best, but the script plagues him like a bad ankle. Daniels, on the other hand, is merely annoying. Coming off a stunning performance in "Pleasantville," he falls back into "Trial and Error," mediocrity as a bumbling near-simpleton who is too inept to get the girl yet still intrepid enough to break out of a government installation.

Hannah, never sexist, throats her way through the picture as the tomboyish Lizzie and is handed one genuinely fun scene — when she pops a shape-shifting gum ball and turns into a giant, saliva-oozing creature. Hurley is clearly having fun as the insolent glam-girl reporter who becomes a victim of Uncle

Martin's manipulation. The ubiquitous Wallace Shawn, who turns up in the oddest places (he himself plays an alien in a recurring role on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine"), provides some entertaining distraction as Coley, a scientist intent on finding out what makes Uncle Martin tick. And look for Walston, complete with white goatee, in a cameo role with a charming twist.

Nostalgia, finally, is itself growing passe. Some advice to filmmakers contemplating a 1960s TV-series remake: Try something else. It might not allow your imagination to rule you. "My Favorite Martian," a film from the Walt Disney Co. is directed by Donald Petrie from a script by Sherri Stoner and Deanna Oliver.

— Associated Press

Horoscope

SUNDAY, FEB. 28
Saturn enters the pleasure-seeking realm of Taurus now. We'll jump through hoops for the sake of luxury or pleasure. Learning new tricks isn't easy, but we'll do anything for an appealing reward. Don't tell your secrets, since it will be hard for others not to spread the word during tomorrow's full moon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 28). Enjoy a respite from the usual pressures this year. Your current visions are seeding the

future. The more you adapt, the less you'll eventually have to struggle. Set career wheels in motion next month, and then brace yourself for the inevitable progress of the late spring. Love this year is likely to involve someone much older or younger.

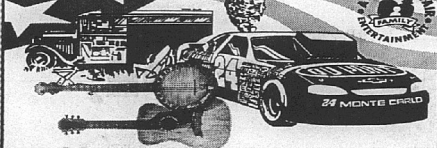
ARIES (March 21-April 19). Focus on improving a family situation, as you are a wonderful mediator. Keep receipts. You are gifted with brain power. An acquaintance from school or work turns out to be very well connected —

cultivate this relationship. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Spending time alone forces you to assess a current love relationship. Do not let fear override your decisions. Confide in a friend regarding a potential business venture. Concentrate on your mental and physical health. **GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The lesson in patience you are learning will serve you well. Allow yourself the luxury of totally forgetting about work. Children will benefit from your time. Making repairs to your house on your own can be restorative. **CANCER (June 22-July 22).** A feeling of dissatisfaction in

the morning will yield to a sense of calm later. Creative work, even on your favorite project, may be slow. Instead of forcing it, take time off, and allow your imagination to rule you. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Answer flattery with modesty. Get outside with friends. Strike up a conversation with a person of the opposite sex, and get spectacular results. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Pay special attention to dreams, and follow your instinct. Your psychic sense is quite in tune. Ultimatums in love do not work. Compromise will work better and keep the lines of communication open. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Personal satisfaction is more important than more tangible results today, so just finish what you start. Your quick wit impresses a Scorpio cutie. Hard work reaps in perks, maybe even a cash bonus. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Rely on your intuition, especially in a moral dilemma. A new person (possibly Aries) breathes life into your daily routine. A seemingly painful detour proves beneficial, even inspiring. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Justify your actions only if you feel you must, as it weakens your position considerably. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Your drive and enthusiasm are contagious. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your knack for details and accuracy pays off. You want more out of a lover but keep accepting less. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Finish current projects before embarking on something new.

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• Spend time alone. Quiet moments in solitude can create times of personal reflection and give restoration to body and soul.

Carve leisure time out of your busy schedule for your own enjoyment.

Discuss with your spouse the importance of having time alone, to be your own person and to share your thoughts. You'll be surprised

A New You



Catherine Galasso

how much more patience you'll have with others after a few hours of peace and solitude.

• Do what makes you personally happy. Try a new sport, plan an exciting vacation or delve into a hobby.

"After a full day's work, I enjoy golf, bowling and spending time with my family," writes reader Joe D'Andrea.

Go to the gym or tag sailing with friends. Take dancing lessons with your mate or browse through a bookstore for an interesting novel. Be intellectually stimulated. Continually try to reach higher heights of thought.

• Communicate with a trusted confidant. And talk out your dreams and aspirations.

• Give yourself a break. Find ways to relax, renew and recharge. Indulge in a "day of beauty" at a local salon. You deserve it.

Unwind in a warm bath, a herbal shampoo or a soothing facial. Pamper yourself and feel rejuvenated. Take deep breaths and breathe out any stress and negativity.

• Look your best. Confidence will radiate from the inside out when you feel you look great. A

sparkle in your eye and humorous thoughts in your mind will convey *joie de vivre*.

Buy that pretty scarf or new tie. Dress up for dinner and put candles on the table, and listen to classical music. Don't hold back in creating an atmosphere of pure delight.

Keep spiritually centered. Put God first in your life and thank Him for your blessings. Begin each day in gratitude and express to God your plans for the future.

Join a prayer group, read passages from the Bible or sing spiritual songs to brighten your hours. He will send showers of blessings upon you.

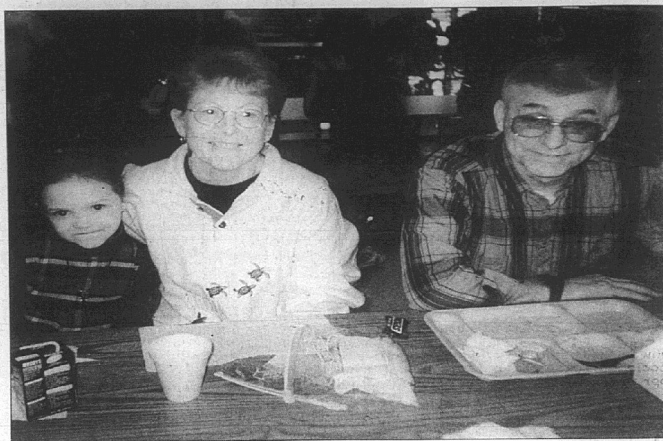
Smile and be happy, dear readers. Enjoy the wonderful world God has made for us.

"Thou hast created all things and for thy pleasure they are created." — Revelation 4:11.

You can't be so heavenly minded that you are no earthly good. So, let's take extra special care of this God-given temple. Ask the Lord to help you achieve an even balance and peace in both mind and body. All things work together for the good when you respect the one and only body God has given to you.

Remember, it's the house of your beautiful soul.

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Being together

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Holy Family School student Victoria Krumnag and her grandparents enjoy lunch in the school cafeteria during Catholic Schools Week observances. One of the activities students enjoyed was Grandparent's Day, in which grandparents of the students were invited to have lunch with their grandchildren.

Police show renewed interest in murder

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Investigators are showing renewed interest in a 21-year-old unsolved murder.

Authorities are again pursuing leads in the December 1977 death of Denise Berlemann Stahlhut, 21.

Stahlhut disappeared after leaving work at a downtown Edwardsville bar and was found dead eight days later in the trunk of her car on the lot of the Gateway Truck Plaza off Illinois Route 203 near Madison. She had been strangled.

Director of Police Bennett W. Dickmann would not divulge what new information,

if any, was being pursued, but he said he could not deny there was new interest in the case.

"We have been examining it along with the Illinois State Police. It is certainly of paramount importance to us," Dickmann said. "At this point in time we can't confirm any formal success, but I will confirm that it is of great interest to us."

Stahlhut disappeared Dec. 3, 1977 after leaving her late-shift job as a barmaid at Ronny's Tavern, 1018 N. Main St., now known as Pete Hiney's.

Her body was found eight days later in the trunk of her 1957 Chevrolet.

Shortly after the killing, state investigators traveled to

Oklahoma City, where they questioned a man who fit the description of a man seen talking to Stahlhut in the bar that night. The man was believed to have asked Stahlhut for a ride and followed her from the tavern.

The man, who would now be 52, was questioned by state investigators two times — once in Oklahoma where he had been arrested on a LaSalle County, Ill., warrant and again

after he had waived extradition and had been returned to LaSalle County. He had been charged there with aggravated kidnapping and unlawful restraint of a young woman, police said at the time.

Park District plans trip to festival

The Granite City Park District will sponsor a one-day trip to Charleston, Mo., on Friday, April 15, for the annual Spring Dogwood-Azalea Festival.

The planing of dogwood trees and azalea bushes has been an ongoing effort in the southeastern Missouri town for more than 50 years and is a sight to behold. Two dogwoods have attained such great size that they have been declared Missouri state co-champion dogwoods.

A step-on guide will accompany the group along the five-mile trail of blooms and beautiful homes. If Mother Nature cooperates, it will be an awesome sight.

Other stops while in

Charleston will be at the Molly French Garden Club plant sale and the Quilt Show at St. Henry's Catholic School gym, where crafts will be on sale.

The coach will leave the Wilson Park Ice Rink at 6 a.m. and have a quick restroom and fast-food breakfast stop before traveling to Sikeston, Mo., for lunch at Lambert's Cafe, the world-famous "Home of the Throated Rolls." This meal must be paid for by each individual, as there is no set menu for groups.

It's then on to Charleston for the Dogwood-Azalea Festival. At the end of the day, the group will go back to Sikeston and have time to shop at the Outlet Mall there before

heading for home.

The trip's cost is \$34 per person and must be paid for at the time a reservation is made. Sign-ups will be taken starting at 8 a.m. March 3 at the Wilson Park Ice Rink.

After that day, sign-ups will be taken at the Wilson Park Office.

One person can sign up to four people. Residents of the Granite City Park District have priority, and non-residents will be placed on a waiting list and called after March 11 as to availability.

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Glen Carbon may not buy out owner's land

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Glen Carbon may decide to let the owner of a vacated convenience store keep his property in Old Town.

Associate Judge Dan Stack has ruled that Glen Carbon must pay \$116,000 if it wants to buy three parcels where the old Hamp's Quick Way, 134-138 S. Main St., is located.

"I don't agree with that," said Village Trustee Ben Maliszewski, who said Stack's decision is based on a faulty appraisal sought by John R. Hampton, the owner of the parcels.

The village fought in court last month to get the purchase price closer to its appraisal of \$90,000. In court, Hampton had said the property is worth between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

Hampton's attorney, Brian L. Ransom of Belleville, said Tuesday that his client may sue the village if officials decide they don't want the property for redevelopment.

"We would be bound by the judge's ruling if the amount was lower," Ransom said. "They're acting like a little kid, taking their marbles home and pouting."

He said the only offer made by Glen Carbon to Hampton was \$85,000 for the three parcels in July.

Ransom said the village forced Hampton to pay his own appraisal fees, thousands of dollars in attorney's fees and court costs by filing the eminent domain lawsuit.

"He's supposed to eat all of these losses?" Ransom said.

"This is their (the village's) show. They're childish and are very, very bad sports. Hampton will not act like it never happened."

However, village attorney Gary Peel said Ransom's point is moot because state statute would require Glen Carbon to pay for the fees anyway if the board decides it doesn't want

the property. Maliszewski said the village would have never gone through the suit had it thought Stack would settle on the amount reached in Hampton's appraisal.

"His appraisal was based upon properties on Illinois Route 159," Maliszewski said.

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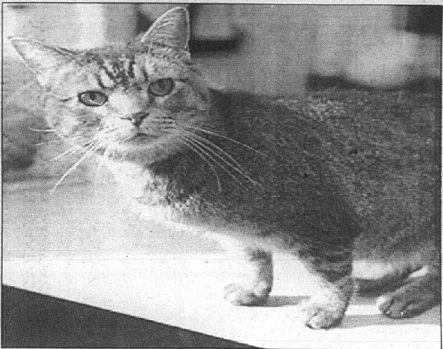
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Highway, the Granite City Animal Protective Association's champion mouse-hunter, is available for adoption at the facility's no-kill shelter in Granite City.

By Susanne Fogle

Recently we had a tiny mouse problem at our shelter. Well, tiny may not be the correct word to use, because while mice themselves were quite small, the problem had reached a gargantuan proportions.

Suddenly, the little critters seemed to be everywhere. Several times a week, a blood-curdling scream could be heard as volunteer and mouse came face-to-face in one unexpected encounter after another.

Now most of our volunteers are women who routinely care for dogs that weigh up to 90 pounds and feral cats who could possibly scratch your face off. These gals are a bunch of tough, strong, assertive, capable women, and yet, open a drawer or food bin where a mouse is furtively nosing away, and inevitably, they are reduced to screaming hysterics.

It was obvious the mice had to go, but this presented the staff at our "no-kill" shelter with quite a dilemma.

After all, doing away with a tiny, furry, nose-twitching, whisker-wiggling mouse could not exactly be compared to swatting a fly. Humane traps had been tried before and failed miserably, and the idea of the other kind of snapping and breaking their little necks throughout the day, or the quieter, yet even more repulsive, method of poisoning just did not sit well with this group.

But wait! We had cats! Big cats, little, yellow cats, black cats, boy cats girl cats, striped cats, we had cats!

The thought of turning one of our feline friends loose to prowling the premises did not seem nearly as awful as the traps or poison had. To be sure, the outcome for the mice was still pretty grim, but somehow the prey vs. predator thing was for us, a more

"natural," acceptable solution.

One cat in particular seemed well-suited to the job. Her name is Highway (gosh, I wonder where she was found? We are not always the most original bunch), and she is an escape artist, a cat Houdini who has figured out how to open the door to our cat room and several of our cages.

She was our first choice for "mouse patrol."

And so, Highway was given the run of shelter, and we all watched and waited for her hunting instinct to kick in.

Mostly she spent her time lolling across the office desk or strolling along countertops rubbing up against anyone who ventured near. Oh yes, and marking her territory.

For those of your reading this who don't understand the term "marking," let me just say this: no writing implement is used.

For some unknown reason to humans, but I'm sure a no-brainer to cats, Highway

wanted the world to know she "owned" the shelter and rather than use her litterbox, she left little scent packets everywhere.

We were about to take back her new-found freedom, when, as if reading our intent, she once again became acquainted with her litter box.

Although we never saw her stalk, much less kill, even one mouse, guess what?

They seemed to have disappeared.

We figured with all the "marking," the mice decided there was way too much cat smell around to stay.

So here's a tip: If you have mice, or squirrels, for that matter, in, say, an attic, a well-placed container of used kitty litter may be all you need to convince them to leave.

As for Highway, she would love a home of her own to patrol, and she promised me she would always use her little box.

Glen Carbon Village Board agrees to solicit upcoming construction project bids

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

The Glen Carbon Village

Board has agreed to go out for construction bids on several upcoming projects.

At its meeting Tuesday

night, the board approved bids to go out in about two weeks for the smaller Senior Citizens/Community Center, to

be located behind Glen Carbon Centennial Library.

Construction of the center, which will feature seating for up to 188 people, had been estimated at \$245,500. But in December, the lowest of three bids received was \$621,776.

Public Works Director Tom Sedlacek said the building will

be reduced from two stories to one. The cost and installation of a handicapped-approved elevator would have been about \$100,000.

Also, there isn't enough space for parking outside the proposed facility, so officials are negotiating to buy a nearby rental home for

additional space.

However, Building and Zoning Administrator Willard Shashack said the price asked by the property's landlord,




John R. Hampton, can't possibly be paid by the village. Hampton is involved in an eminent domain lawsuit with the village on other properties, but Sedlacek remains optimistic.

"We're trying to get him in for a second visit at this time," Sedlacek said of the negotiations with Hampton.

The Glen Carbon Police Department will go out for bids on several proposed renovations within the station, including the addition of men's and women's locker rooms.

The first phase of the renovations will cost between \$45,500 and \$60,000, Police Chief David Bradford said.

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Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) celebrated Valentine's Day with a traditional Valentine's cookie baking session. The cookies are given to church members following services the Sunday before Valentine's Day. Fifteen Valentines were also made by church youths to give to shut-ins. From left, Brittany Stephens, Amanda Jones, Brooke Stephens and Lynsey Smith paste together Valentines.

Contributed photo

Edwardsville teens fast to fight hunger

By Steve Whitworth
Staff writer

A group of teen-agers from Trinity Lutheran Church in Edwardsville went without food for 30 hours to raise money to help fight hunger around the world. The members of the church's youth group joined thousands of other people throughout the United States and Canada in the annual World Vision 30-Hour Famine, which is designed to help young people learn about global hunger issues and to raise funds for the fight against hunger. Participants ask family, friends and neighbors to sponsor them with pledges of money as they go without food for 30 hours to identify with those who are hungry. Through videos, games, special events and involvement in local community service projects, they learn about hunger and what they can do to help others.

Between 16 and 23 teens from Trinity Lutheran's youth group, ranging in age from 14 to 18, took part in the observance, said Keith Buellmann, director of youth ministry at the church, 600 Water St.

For most of the 30-hour period, which began after lunch Friday, the teens will be at the church.

"We'll have Bible studies, and there will be education about medical fasting, how it can be healthy and helpful," Buellmann said.

"We'll talk about biblical fasting and have education about kids overseas who are starving and in need of funds,"

Two people who have done missionary work with the poor in Honduras will talk to the youths about their experiences, Buellmann said.

"I hope they'll take some time to seriously contemplate and experience what life is like for kids overseas, even though the 30 hours really is nothing compared to what the kids overseas go through," he said. "I guess I'm just hoping to maybe help another child who's starving," said Jamie Darr, 16, of Edwardsville, a sophomore at Metro-East Lutheran High School, who will take part with the Trinity Lutheran group.

"I think it will help me a lot to realize what these kids actually feel like every day," Brent Watson, 17, of Edwardsville, who is a junior at Metro-East Lutheran, said he never has fasted for as long as 30 hours.

"It'll be tough," he said. As part of the observance, the youths collected canned food from area residents, then took the food to Lutheran Outreach Ministries of St. Louis, where it will be distributed to the poor and homeless.

Anyone interested in participating in the World Vision 30-Hour Famine or in sponsoring a participant can contact Buellmann at 656-2018 or World Vision toll-free at (800) 7-FAMINE or on the Internet at www.30hourfamine.org.

Last year, more than 600,000 young people in the United States raised more than \$6 million through the World Vision 30-Hour Famine.

Similar Famine events

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Storm water control subject of Edwardsville residents meeting

By Steve Whitworth
Staff writer

Edwardsville-area residents were told Thursday night that storm water control will become a major issue locally in the near future.

About 50 people attended the general meeting on growth held Thursday night at the Edwardsville Public Library. The meeting was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Edwardsville Area and its Growth and Development Committee.

Richard Worthen, coordinator for the Metro-East Regional Stormwater Committee, was the guest speaker.

Worthen was the longtime chairman of the Madison County Board's Environmental Committee before resigning from the board last year.

He now coordinates the Metro-East Stormwater Committee, a group comprised mostly of elected officials from cities, townships and counties as well as soil and water conservation districts in Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties.

Worthen began his remarks by stating three concepts he said were key to good public policy and to solving the problems caused by excess water: storm water utility, watershed and impervious surface.

The latter term refers to roads, parking lots, roofs and other man-made structures associated with development that don't absorb water and contribute to runoff.

The way to deal with runoff is to work within the concept of the watershed, Worthen said.

"Politicians don't think in terms of watersheds," he said. "The trouble is, the river doesn't know that."

Worthen referred to the recent problems in the Sand Road area on the western edge of Edwardsville, where runoff caused by increased development above the bluffs resulted in much of the American Bottoms area becoming flooded.

"This is a curable problem," he said. "It doesn't have to exist. It didn't exist before

1992. There were some things that were directly done that are causing these people to suffer that should not have been done. They have to be corrected."

Worthen predicted that storm water control will become recognized as a public utility, much like electricity and sewers.

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The upcoming days will bring unpredictable weather conditions, not many will dispute that. A balmy, springlike March day can be followed shortly thereafter by snow. But, nonetheless, there will be something in the offing that we haven't seen in some time, and that is the opportunity to get out in the landscape, at least for a little while. And you can use that time for a little planning.

We have some ideas to spruce up areas of your yard that you probably never think about much. There are ways to put small out-of-the-way places to good use, methods of hiding eyesores, creating more privacy, etc. And now, before the gardening season gets into full swing, is a great time to consider some of these ideas.

If you'd like some privacy from that busy street, but don't desire to install a wooden fence, shrubbery is the ideal answer. Naturally, if you're required to have a fence because of a pool or other potential hazard, you'll have to comply, since shrubbery can't be substituted. But there's no reason you can't plant a few in front of the fence. Privet, arbutus and barberry are popular choices, but it all depends on the amount of light the area gets and the type of soil. Not sure? Ask one of Frank's experts.

If your home is like many, one side of it gets a lot of use and the other side is only seen by a neighbor. The busy area may be the prime access from front yard to back, containing your driveway, a pathway, faucet connection and who knows what else. The only time the other side gets noticed is when you mow the lawn. You may want to consider replacing the grass with a good ground cover such as pachysandra or vinca.

Another good method is a mulch such as pine bark, cedar, lava rock, marble, etc. You'll eliminate lawn maintenance and your

neighbors will have a good view.

A row of shrubs along the driveway offers a nice separation between your yard and the one next door. But it takes a little planning, since that space is sometimes quite narrow, and you don't want to plant too close to the driveway. Opening your car door into wet shrubs after a rainfall isn't a particularly pleasant experience.

Are there any areas in your garden with sharp corners, or anything else that lengthens mowing time? Isn't it much easier and faster when you don't have to maneuver the mower around? Consider re-shaping some of those areas wherever possible, into long, graceful curves. This not only makes it easier to mow, it's a lot more eye-appealing.

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Sports

East St. Louis beats Belleville East for third time

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Something about Belleville East brings out the best in Darrell Hawkins. East St. Louis' senior point guard scored 24 points Friday night as the Flyers defeated visiting Belleville East 67-47 in the final regular season game for both teams.

Hawkins has 84 points in three games against East, all Flyers victories.

"Before the season started, they would come over here all the time and say they were going to beat us," Hawkins said. "We wanted to prove

Flyers grab share of SWC title with third win vs. Lancers

them wrong."

The win gave East St. Louis (20-5 overall, 9-3 in the Southwestern Conference) a share of the SWC title with Edwardsville, which defeated Alton 55-76 Friday behind a school-record 48 points by Dan Lytle.

Last year, East St. Louis Lincoln reached the super-sectional before being eliminated. Lincoln merged with East St. Louis after the 1997-98 school year.

"The hardest thing was blending the two teams together," said Flyers coach Bennie Lewis, the longtime coach at Lincoln. "We found seven or

eight kids we can really count on. I was hoping we might find nine, 10 or 11 kids, but it didn't work out that way."

While Hawkins wasn't burning Belleville East with his outside shooting or his drives to the hoop, 6-foot-9 junior Darius Miles was doing the damage. Miles had 13 points, 11 blocks, nine rebounds and five assists.

"If they go double on Darius, me or Philip Gilbert can shoot the three, but everybody does that against him," Hawkins said.

Belleville East got off to a fast

start, taking a 6-0 lead, capped by Tony Patterson's basket. The Lancers led 18-14 after one quarter, but a pair of free throws by Alike Snow gave East St. Louis a 33-27 halftime lead.

"We had a good quarter and a half, but they shut us down after that," said Belleville East coach Doug McCrary. "Stetson (Hainston) and (Mike) Bujnak had some shots, but when we didn't, it was because of Miles."

For a while, the game was a battle of slam dunks between Miles and the 6-3 Hainston, who finished with 18 points.

"There was some pretty impressive basketball out there at times," McCrary said. "But I'm disappointed we didn't make the score look better."

A 3-pointer by Hawkins gave East St. Louis a 50-36 lead with 1:17 to play in the third quarter, and the Flyers took a 12-point lead into the final period.

"Belleville East plays a speed-up game and Hawkins is a speed-up player," Lewis said. "He's going to get a lot of drives and a lot of threes or he's going to dish it off. They play his style."

East got within eight points early in the fourth quarter, but a pair of free throws by George Mumphard put the Flyers up 54-42 with 4:31 to play.

Venable makes trip to state meet

Cahokia's 160-pound junior makes second state trek

By Karen Vartanian
Staff writer

Cahokia High wrestler Mark Venable enjoyed several highlights this season.

Venable, who wrestled in the 160-pound weight class most of the campaign, won the Jerseyville and South Seven Conference tournaments and finished fifth at the Springfield Tournament.

Venable, a junior, then took third place in both the IHSA Class AA Jerseyville Regional and the Granite City Sectional, and he capped the season with a second straight state tournament appearance.

"Overall, I think this season went well, making it to state for a second straight year," said first-year Coachman wrestling coach Jim Czajkowski.

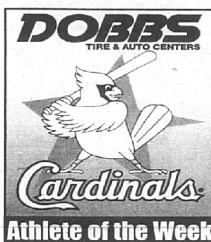
Venable went 1-2 at the state tournament in Champaign on Feb. 19-20. He wrestled in the 170-pound weight class at state.

"As far as state, I was a little disappointed," said Czajkowski. "I wish I could have seen him place."

Venable holds the Cahokia High record for most varsity pins by a freshman with 11. He is well on his way to earning a place in the Cahokia Hall of Fame when he eclipses 100 career wins next year.

Venable, who also plays soccer at Cahokia, has 98 varsity wins in his career.

"He's definitely a better mat wrestler," Czajkowski



said. "He improved tremendously on his feet the last month or so in preparing for state."

Czajkowski said Venable still must improve his footwork and takedown ability.

Venable, who already has attracted attention from college scouts, expects another strong campaign in 1999-2000.

"Definitely," Czajkowski said. "We talked after the state tournament and he's going to start lifting weights with me. He's going to get in a workout program. His strength alone will be a drastic improvement. A high school level, strength is probably one of the most important things. With the added strength, he should do pretty well when he moves he already knows."

Card show set for today in Mascoutah

The seventh annual Benefit Sports Card & Beanie Baby Show will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday at the Mascoutah Middle School gym.

The show is sponsored by the Mascoutah Athletic Booster Club.

Free Mark McGwire items will be available while they last. There will be an autograph session at noon with Belleville Area College graduate Dean Brueggemann, a pitcher in the Colorado Rockies organization. There also will be hourly attendance prizes.

A silent auction includes pictures of Ozzie Smith, Tony Hanks, Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet, an Orlando Pace jersey, an Isaac Bruce mini-helmet, a J.D. Drew bat and at least two sets of St. Louis Cardinals box seat tickets.

There will be a raffle with a 3 p.m. drawing. First prize is a limited edition (one of 1,000) Mark McGwire 70th home run bat, second prize is two box seats to a Cardinals game and third prize is a Ty "Glor" Beanie Baby. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Dealer tables are \$20 each. For more information, call Roger Berghofer at 566-0804.

Golf meeting

The Metro East Golfing Singles will hold its annual membership meeting 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 7 at Shenanigan's Restaurant, 6401 W. Main St. in Belleville.

Any single adult interested in joining the group is welcome to attend. A presentation about the organization will be given. Snacks and appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available.

For more information, call Dan Mitchell at 398-6431.

Softball tryouts

The Mascoutah Tribe girls softball team is seeking players for the 1999 season. All games will be played at Laderman Park in Belleville.

Girls born after Jan. 2, 1986, are eligible. Players must furnish their own equipment. For more information, call 566-8916, 566-9694 or 566-2415.

Golf journey

The Legacy Golf Course will play host to a St. Patrick's three-person scramble on March 13. The cost is \$50. For more information, call 531-4653 or (314) 728-4653.



John Stordahl and the Illinois Warriors won the Northern Division of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association. The Warriors took a 1-1 playoff record into the final pool contest Saturday against Alton Marquette.

MVCHA playoffs

Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association	
Class AA Regular Season Final	
Northern Division	
Team	W-L-T
Illinois (Granite City)	13-6-3
Bethalto Civic Memorial	10-8-4
Alton	10-8-4
Edwardsville	8-10-4
Alton Marquette	8-11-3
Roxana	6-11-5
South Division	
Team	W-L-T
O'Fallon	17-3-2
Althoff	11-8-3
Collinsville	10-10-2
Belleville West	10-10-2
Belleville East	8-11-3
Cahokia	6-11-5

Playoffs Northern Division	
Team	W-L-T
Bethalto Civic Memorial	2-0
Illinois (Granite City)	1-1
Edwardsville	1-1
Alton	0-2
Alton Marquette	0-2
Roxana	0-2
South Division	
Team	W-L-T
O'Fallon	3-0
Althoff	2-0
Collinsville	2-0
Belleville West	1-1
Belleville East	0-3
Playoffs (Round 1)	
O'Fallon 8, Cahokia 4	
Althoff 5, Belleville East 2	
Illinois Warriors (Granite City) 10, Roxana 3	
Civ. Memorial 2, Marquette 1	
Edwardsville 2, Alton 1	

Class A Regular Season Final East Division	
Team	W-L-T
Freeburg	19-0-2
Waterloo	16-3-2
Mascoutah	9-9-3
West Division	
Team	W-L-T
Freeburg	19-0-2
Waterloo	16-3-2
Mascoutah	9-9-3

Class A Regular Season Final West Division	
Team	W-L-T
Freeburg	19-0-2
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MVCHA Scoring Leaders	
Class AA Final Regular Season Stats	
Player, team	G A Pts
Ryan McKinney, O'Fallon	23 27 50
Bobby Messaro, Granite City	28 21 49
Joel Ditch, Collinsville	30 18 48
Joel Leiker, O'Fallon	14 15 29
Patrick Mori, Althoff	23 16 39
Nathan Mueller, Collinsville	17 18 35
Scott Werner, Marquette	14 15 29
Joel Leiker, O'Fallon	15 12 27
Mike Sharp, Cahokia	6 19 25
Kenny Reed, Collinsville	9 16 25
Dustin Wesley, Granite City	6 19 25
John Stordahl, Granite City	15 8 23
Scott Hasker, Belleville W.	15 8 23
Greg Walsh, Althoff	13 10 23
Ryan Madison, Althoff	7 16 23

Class A Regular Season Final East Division	
Player, team	G A Pts
Nate Hill, Alton	19 8 22
Matt Hagerty, Belleville W.	12 9 21
Brett Solberger, Granite City	10 11 21
A. Stephens, Belleville East	11 9 20
Carl Coleman, Edwardsville	10 10 20
Chris Pondorf, Belleville E.	6 14 20
Jim Bedwell, Belleville E.	6 14 20
Eric Georger, Edwardsville	12 7 19
Zack Gustafson, O'Fallon	10 8 18
Ryan Cooper, O'Fallon	10 8 18
Amos Melvin, Alton	4 14 18
Ben Dugger, Bethalto	8 9 17
Scott Jensen, Belleville W.	10 7 17
J.J. Schwab, Edwardsville	5 12 17
D.R. Yednak, Belleville E.	9 7 16
Dave Shaw, Cahokia	9 7 16
Derek Walter, Marquette	7 8 15
Chris Hauman, Cahokia	9 7 14
Chris Krueger, Althoff	12 1 13
Joe Pagnic, Roxana	8 5 13
Tony Krainik, Cahokia	7 6 13

Class A Regular Season Final West Division	
Player, team	G A Pts
Cosy Newgent, Bethalto	7 6 13
Brent Lowen, Bethalto	6 7 13
Jordan Eades, Roxana	5 6 13
David Switz, Granite City	4 9 13
Mike Shells, Cahokia	6 6 12
Jared Thornton, Alton	3 9 12
Andy Gonzales, Althoff	3 9 12
Kirk Heischmidt, Marquette	6 5 11
Dan Komarik, Belleville W.	4 7 11
Mike Vespi, Marquette	3 8 11
Brent Brown, Granite City	3 8 11
Lee Frea, Edwardsville	7 3 10
Adam Joachimshtaler, Collinsville	7 3 10
Brent Grim, O'Fallon	6 4 10
Wes Dedmon, Belleville E.	6 4 10
Dan Komarik, Belleville E.	3 7 10
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Derrick Bellmore, Belleville E.	3 7 10
Nick Phillips, Cahokia	3 7 10
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Ryan Morgan, Belleville W.	5 5 10

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Player, team	G A Pts
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Brent Lowen, Bethalto	6 7 13
Jordan Eades, Roxana	5 6 13
David Switz, Granite City	4 9 13
Mike Shells, Cahokia	6 6 12
Jared Thornton, Alton	3 9 12
Andy Gonzales, Althoff	3 9 12
Kirk Heischmidt, Marquette	6 5 11
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Kahoks fall to Salem in sectional championship

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Salem put an end to the Collinsville Kahoks' record-breaking season Thursday night in the championship game of the IHSAA Class AA Taylorville Sectional.

The Wildcats' pressing defense broke open a tight game and catapulted Salem to a 59-47 victory. Salem (28-2) advances to the East Super-sectional, where it faces East

St. Louis 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The Flyers (23-3) advanced with a 70-67 victory against O'Fallon. Collinsville, playing in its first girls basketball sectional championship, had a 27-21 lead with a minute remaining in the first half.

But Salem went on a late spree. Megan Grizzle's short jumper pulled Salem within 27-26 with 10.5 seconds remaining in the half. The Kahoks coughed up the ball on the ensuing inbound pass and Salem's Danette Jones was fouled. Jones' two free throws with 0.3 remaining gave the

Wildcats a 28-27 halftime lead.

"We had a chance to get them a little bit there at the end of the half," Collinsville coach Steve McFall said. "I thought we had control and then we kind of lost control. I think if we would have gone six ahead at halftime, we could have made it a different game in the second half, but we didn't and that is to (Salem's) credit. They came down and hit some huge shots. There is nothing else to say."

The opening 3:55 of the third quarter did not get any better for the

Kahoks as Salem scored the first 10 points of the stanza to increase its lead to 38-27.

"We just got out of what we were doing," McFall said. "Sometimes you just make typical mistakes. We just threw some bad passes. I think the passes were there sometimes, and we didn't complete them. You just can't say it was all our kids. They played well, and they deserved to win."

The Kahoks, winners of 14 of their last 16 games, drew within five points in the final quarter. Collinsville sophomore Rachel Stabenfeldt hit a

couple of 3-pointers in the second half, including a trey with 5:13 remaining in the final period that closed the gap to 45-40.

However, Salem's Renee Brubaker answered with a trey to push the Wildcats' lead to 48-40. The Kahoks did not get any closer.

"They never put us away and the kids fought right until the very end. We did not quit," McFall said.

Collinsville senior Autumn Dow ended her career with a 19-point effort. She capped the night with a reverse layup before the final buzzer.

Flyerettes beat Mount Vernon capture sectional title

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Lady Rams. Hale scored the game's first six points and 5-3 point guard Julia Brokaw scored on a bank shot as Mount Vernon took an 8-0 lead with 6:06 to play in the first quarter. "The pace in the first quarter was up and down. We were so pumped up," said Rennie, whose team trailed

22-19 after the opening period. "We were running and scoring in the transition game, but it's hard to play that way for 32 minutes. I put in some subs to give the kids a rest, but (the fullcourt style) has been our game all year."

The Lady Rams' lead didn't last for long. Three consecutive 3-pointers — one by Cole and two by Adams — gave East St. Louis a 15-11 lead midway through the first quarter.

The Flyerettes led 31-24 when Adams left the game with her third foul with 1:07 to play in the second quarter, but a basket by teammate Sharing Conrad made the score 33-24 at halftime.

McDonald elected to start the second half without Adams, and the gamble paid off. East St. Louis maintained its nine-point lead (47-38) after three quarters, and Adams

reentered the game in the fourth quarter.

A rebound basket by freshman Lutisha Davis and free throw by Sherika Satterwhite extended the Flyerettes' lead to 60-38, but a basket by Hale capped a 17-6 Mount Vernon run and brought the Lady Rams within one point (56-55) with 4:02 to play. After slowing down the tempo, East St. Louis reverted to its typical

fast pace in the closing minutes of the game.

Sophomore Jessica Kmita added 13 points for Mount Vernon, while Love added 12 points.

Cole had 14 points for East St. Louis, including three 3-pointers in the first quarter. Davis scored 10 points and Satterwhite and Latoshia Hunter added 9 points apiece.

Cavins accepts athletic, academic scholarship from McKendree

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we build a foundation. We have a good number of players at McKendree, but many of them haven't played before and haven't put a whole lot of time in the program and that's going to be changing. The men's program has done very well and now the women's program hopefully will be on its way. Crystal is a dynamite player and we're happy to have her."

Cavins is receiving both an athletic scholarship to play soccer at McKendree and the Presidential Scholarship, given to outstanding student-athletes. The awards that carry her through school are as impressive as the motors that carry her downfield.

"Crystal is a first-class young lady and a blue-chip student-athlete," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "She is very good

academically, she has great character and she is an athlete. She is a very good soccer player with good experience playing at a high level. The scholarship is first-class. It looks like a great fit for everyone concerned."

Colleges know they are getting proven commodities — fully-developed people and players — out of the Granite City soccer program.

"As soon as Coach Baker calls me on any player coming from Granite City the policy is that, hey, we have some players from Granite City and they are hard-nosed," Strange said. "They play hard, they know the basics of the game and once they get there, I don't have to do a whole lot. I can just let them go out there and play, which is what I am looking for from Crystal, also."

"I think a lot of Tim Strange," Baker said. "I've known him and his family for some time and I know that she will really like him. He

knows what he is doing. It's the start of something new with their program up there, with his being involved and the girls he is recruiting as well. So I think that will be really good. And then with the addition of Staci (Dowdy) as well, it will be kind of neat. I think it's really a very positive thing for soccer in Granite and at McKendree. The student-athlete combination is really good for any university, to get someone who has the academic background that Crystal has, and that will show on the field as well."

Dowdy, a graduate of Granite City who played at Lewis & Clark College and Saint Louis University, is joining the staff at McKendree as Strange's assistant. Having a familiar face around should help ease the transition to the college game. But Cavins doesn't expect to have much difficulty adjusting.

"When I visited, I spoke to a lot of people in

the administration and they were telling me what a great guy Tim was," Cavins said. "I spoke to the president of the university, actually, and he said that he had heard a lot of good things about how good Tim was with the girls soccer players. The boys soccer program was on a losing streak, but once he became the coach they started winning. He's had a lot of experience. This is his first year with the girls and he is hoping to build it up. I hope I can benefit that and help the program get stronger."

Cavins has one more season of high school soccer remaining. Practice begins for the Warriors on March 8, and Cavins should be fully recovered from the twisted ankle to join her team.

"I've had many sprains before," Cavins said. "I can recover within a couple of weeks."

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Kahoks sink Belleville West

Collinsville makes 26 of 30 FTs, edges Maroons for fourth in SWC

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

During the first half of the 1989-90 season, the Collinsville Kahoks couldn't buy a trip to the free-throw line.

Friday night at Belleville West, the Kahoks hit the jackpot. The Kahoks (15-10) drained 26 of 30 foul shots en route to a 68-46 Southwestern Conference victory over the Maroons.

"Historically and going farther back than when I played, which is a long time, Collinsville High School makes free throws," West coach Bill Schmidt said. "I told the guys when they already had eight free throws in the first quarter, I said, 'This is not good. They make those free throws. You have to keep them off the line.'"

If free throws had been a trade mark of past Collinsville teams, this year's squad couldn't seem to locate the charity stripe. And they hadn't been too successful once they got there.

"You are going to win a lot of games (making 26 free throws)," Collinsville coach Bob Bone said. "No. 1, getting that many free throws and No. 2 making them because if you look back at the beginning of the year we weren't doing that. You have to give this team a lot of credit because they have made themselves a lot of credit."

"There were times in early January, middle of January where they could have given up. A lot of people had given up on us. To go through the stretch we have gone through over the last five or six weeks."

I don't know how many we won, it really doesn't make any difference but for the most part we have played really good basketball over an extended period of time."

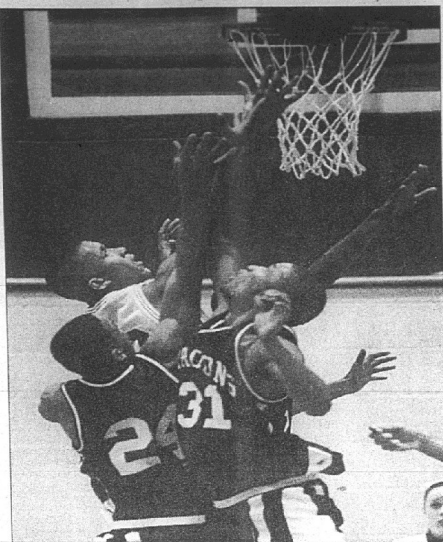
Collinsville has won eight of its last 11 games to close out the season. After a 12-12 tie to end the first quarter, Belleville West's Neil O'Donnell drained a trey to lead the Maroons a 15-14 lead in the second quarter. But that was last lead West had in the game. Collinsville went on a 14-4 run to close out the quarter and took a 28-18 lead into the locker room. The Kahoks finished the first half 10 for 10 from the free-throw line.

Collinsville maintained the momentum in the third quarter with a 11-2 run leading to a 40-20 difference. The Maroons' DeMarco Smith stopped the run with a jumper. The two teams played even through the final three minutes and the Kahoks maintained their 20-point lead, 46-26.

Curtis Williams sparked the fourth-quarter comeback for the Maroons (14-13). Williams nailed a trey to start the final quarter and scored the Maroons' first seven points to cut the lead to 48-33. Smith added two foul shots to make it 48-35.

However, Williams fouled Chris Shaffer and then picked up a technical foul. Shaffer drained his two foul shots and Terry Tessary buried both technical shots, pushing the Kahoks lead to 52-35.

"Obviously, getting four points at that time was big," Bone said.



John Swistak Jr. photo

Collinsville's Shaun Moore battles for the ball with Belleville West's DeMarco Smith (24) and Curtis Williams (31) in action this season.

Collinsville 63, Belleville West 48

COLLINSVILLE	12	10	18	17	—	63
BELLEVILLE WEST	12	6	8	22	—	48

COLLINSVILLE: Terry Tessary 19 (2 3-pointers), Chris Shaffer 16, Shaun Moore 15, Cory Wilson 4, Leon Michael 2, Josh Miller 2, Steve Dougherty 2, FG-18 (2 3-pointers), FT-25/30.

BELLEVILLE WEST: Ramon Kelly 11, DeMarco Smith 7, Curtis Williams 14, Jones 5, Keith Chapman 3, Adam Duncan 1, Brett Sobieranski 2, Neil O'Donnell 3, Cecil Carter 2, FG-11 (5 3-pointers), FT-11/15.

But the Maroons closed to within 10. Ramon Kelly scored Belleville West's next nine points in a span of 1:52 to cut the lead to 52-42, but that was as close as West got.

"We cut it to 10 and stepped it up a notch defensively," Schmidt said. "We had them on their heels a little bit and then there was that call."

Moore sank two free throws and Tessary buried his second trey of the game and another jumper that did in the Maroons.

Janek bids for national meet

The Illinois College wrestling team sent six athletes to Manchester

(Ind.) College for the right to advance to the NCAA Division III national championship meet.

Among those representing Illinois College was freshman Jonas Janek, who had a 9-3 record at 184 pounds.

Fourteen colleges and universities were entered in the qualifying meet.

Club ice hockey

Illinois Warriors Regular Season

Name (Year)	G	A	Pts	GP	PM
Shane Mazzaro (JR)	28	23	49	22	4
Dustin Wesley (JR)	6	19	25	21	10
John Stordahl (JR)	15	9	24	22	63
Brett Solberg (SO)	10	11	21	22	8
David Svezia (JR)	4	9	13	21	28
James Brown (SR)	3	8	11	22	22
Bill Cahill (JR)	2	8	10	19	41
Luke Forrester (JR)	3	3	5	7	14
Greg Pritchard (SO)	3	2	5	4	45
Bill Fiorio (JR)	3	2	5	4	21
Tim Knevelen (SR)	0	4	4	22	26
Eric Wright (JR)	0	3	3	21	6
Josh Anderson (JR)	0	3	3	21	6
Robert Slater (SR)	1	0	1	21	0
Matt Salzman (JR)	1	0	1	22	0
Raymond Smith (JR)	0	0	0	10	0
Matt Heath (JR)	0	0	0	10	0
David Kleusens (JR)	0	0	0	10	0

Key: G — Goals; A — Assists; GP — Games played; PM — Penalties in minutes.
Goalkeepers:
Name (Year) SA Shots Saves Minutes PM
Scott Bronbaur (SO) 40 281 857 512 0
Brandon Rollins (SO) 23 139 834 255 0
Key: GA — Goals against; Save % — Percentage of shots saved.

Prep wrestling

Granite City Wrestling Season Records

Name (Year), Weight	WL	P	T	M	TD	TD	NP	R	Esc	Pts
Steve Peach (SO), 133	34-11	17	1	4	22	58	22	11	37	177.5
Jake Tritan (SO), 112	35-11	14	2	3	25	60	19	16	39	181
Tom Tedesco (JR), 119	29-21	5	1	1	11	46	4	14	53	92
Paul Johnson (SR), 125	35-11	27	0	0	27	44	13	20	20	108
Ben Lofink (SR), 130	27-18	12	3	2	21	62	19	14	65	126.5
Dennis Davis (SR), 135	22-23	11	3	1	14	35	13	10	82	117
Jim Treake (JR), 140	14-23	4	2	2	13	40	7	14	46	154
Ryan Worthen (SR), 145	37-10	29	0	2	29	58	16	24	33	168
Brooks Narvaez (SR), 152	41-3	17	6	7	40	138	11	4	38	225.5
George Kirkin (JR), 160	46-5	33	1	2	40	103	27	5	27	262.5
Justin Hale (SR), 171	32-17	14	3	2	62	14	6	24	21	107
Bob Grammer (SO), 189	29-14	16	1	1	30	38	13	12	21	144
Kevin Venns (SR), 215	40-4	27	1	1	30	60	14	4	27	245.5
Billy Reed (JR), 193	19-15	9	1	1	7	26	4	10	15	76
Brad Wyatt (JR), 130	5-1	1	0	2	4	14	3	3	8	23
Gary Campbell (SO), 130	1	1	1	0	2	5	2	1	0	6
Willie Chan (JR), 145	0-3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Josh Wright (SO), 189	3-1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	18
Belleville West (JR), 275	40-3	6	0	5	8	0	1	3	33	

Key: P — Pins; T — Technical falls; M — Major decisions; TD — First takedown in a match; TTG — Total takedowns; NP — Near falls; R — Reversals; Esc — Escapes; Pts — Points for team in competition.

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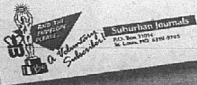
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Members of the Granite City High School Performance in the Round team, performing "Cowboy," are, front row, from left, Marc Johnson, Jake Kamphoefner, Andy Ravanelli, Tom Petrillo; back row, Amanda Rodgers, Julie Mills, Katie Serrano, Lora Smallman.

GCHS speech team does well at IHSA regional championship

The Granite City High School speech team advanced participants in 11 of 13 events to the Illinois High School Association Sectional Tournament, which was held recently at Charleston High School.

All those advancing placed in the top four in their category at the Regional Tournament, held at Belleville East High School.

The competitors included Ryan Moenator in Prose and Radio Speaking, Richard Skirball and Amy Krieschok in Humorous Duet Acting, Krieschok in Oratorical

Declamation, David Elliff in Humorous Interpretation, Andrew Elliff in Special Occasion Speaking, Tony Mell in Impromptu and Extemporaneous Speaking, Lindsay Heath in Oratory and Julie Mills and Katie Serrano in Dramatic Interpretation.

Also advancing was the Group Performance in the Round team. Cast members are Amanda Rodgers, Lora Smallman, Julie Mills, Katie Serrano, Marc Johnson, Tom Petrillo, Jacob Kamphoefner and Andy Ivanelli. Their presentation is called "Cowboy."

Elliff and Mell advanced from the sectionals and represented GCHS at the state tournament in Gurnee.

The speech team has had a very successful season, bringing home numerous trophies and medals throughout the season as well as six team trophies at six tournaments. They placed second as a team at the regional by only two points and placed second at the regional in Performance in the Round.

The Warrior speech team is coached by Beverly Scroggins.

St. Elizabeth organization holds meeting

St. Elizabeth Parish Ladies Sodality held its first meeting of the new year on Jan. 28 in the school cafeteria, with the new president, Maggie Grobowski, presiding. A total of 44 members attended.

New officers for the year were introduced. They are Jan Polach, vice-president; Mary Evalyne Yenchow, secretary; and Marilyn Hahn, treasurer.

President Grobowski also announced her chairs for the coming year. They are: Church Women United, Dolores Moseley; church cleaning, Virginia Metzger; youth group and funeral meals, Jan Polach and Mary Carich; kitchen supplies,

Kathy Lickenbrock; membership, Lucille Friedrich; nursing home angels, Jan Polach and Ida Gragg; nursing home Christmas party, Jan Polach and Carmen Schwartz; scholarship, Joyce Alexander; school liaison, Cindy Whitt; telephone, Kathy Mangi; Turkey Dinner and Bazaar, Nancy Norris.

The calendar of events for the coming year include the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church blood drive; the Palm Sunday sale on March 27 and 28; the parish appreciation dinner on April 24; the ladies communion breakfast on May 2; the annual fall trip, date to be

announced; and the Turkey Dinner and Bazaar on Nov. 14.

Minutes were read by the secretary, Mary Evalyne Yenchow, and the treasurer's report was given by Marilyn Hahn. Jan Polach reported this is the fourth year for the nursing home angel program, and names were taken for those wishing to be angels this year.

Beulah Gauen will be guild-of-the-month chairperson this year. Cleo Schnefke reported that thus far, 25 alphas have been donated to the "Warm Up America" Project. The ladies were asked to donate cakes for the Men's Club fish fries.



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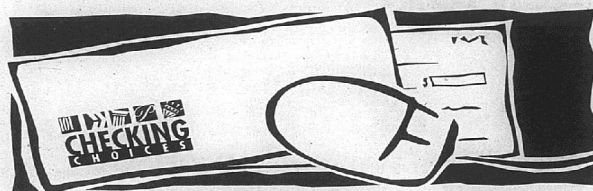
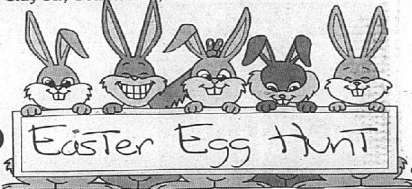
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Ornamental grasses need to be cut back once a year, with a few exceptions.

The best time to cut ornamental grasses back to the ground is in late winter. In southern Illinois, late February or early March is a good time to complete this task in your garden. By waiting until spring to cut back your grasses, you can enjoy the winter foliage. When ornamental grasses are not cut back, spring growth is delayed and the plants look messy as the growing season progresses. The combination of this old and new growth doesn't affect the health of the plant, but can make it look unsightly. Not all grasses need to be

cut back. New plantings of cool-season grasses may not need clipping until the end of their second growing season.

In some situations, cold season grasses may not require cutting back if they maintain an acceptable appearance. Warm-season grasses will need to be cut back.

Most grasses should be cut back to within a few inches of the ground. As soon as the temperature is adequate, new growth will start emerging through the grass stubble. In a small garden, a pair of hand pruners will work well for cutting grasses back. In

larger areas, a string trimmer or electric hedge trimmers can do an adequate job.

Keep in mind that cutting back foliage on grasses is a substitute for the periodic burning that occurs in natural grassland ecology.

Spring burning removes last year's growth and exposes the soil to the warming rays of the sun. Because the danger of burning and, in some areas, laws restricting burning, burning of ornamental grass is not a recommended practice.

In addition, some grasses may not be able to tolerate the heat generated from burning.



Check it out

A pair of underprivileged youths from the St. Louis area look out a terminal window at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport during a recent United Way of Greater St. Louis event that allowed youths from the area to experience their first airplane flight. The program was co-sponsored by Trans World Airlines. The Tri-Cities Area United Way took part in the program.

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Fast-food temptations everywhere; here's how to eat much healthier

Temptations to eat are everywhere. TV ads that take you to fast-food restaurants and alluring smells from cookie shops in

malls and bakeries in supermarkets. It's difficult to go anywhere and not be bombarded by food.

If losing a few pounds has been a long-term goal for you, here are a few tips for reducing both the fat and calories from some fast-food options.

• When you are hungry for beef, choose roast beef, not hamburger. The fattiest roast beef is leaner than the leanest hamburger meat. Say "no" to creamy sauces like mayonnaise and tartar sauce. They add about 100 calories of fat to each sandwich.

• Skip the "extra crispy" coatings on chicken and fish. They add a lot more fat and calories. Order your baked potato plain or with vegetables. Other toppings add fat. A sour cream topping alone is a slightly better choice than butter, margarine or cheese.

• Try baked or broiled fish and chicken. They contain less fat and calories than deep fried. Don't be fooled: Deep fried fish and chicken have as much or more fat and calories as the burgers they compete with. Use low-cal dressings, and only one packet.

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Holy Family's Young at Heart seniors hold monthly meeting

The Young at Heart senior citizens group of Holy Family Catholic Church held its monthly meeting Feb. 15 in the church community center.

President Cleola Siebert called the meeting to order. Sister Jean Patrick led the group in prayer. President Siebert followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the November meeting were read by the recording secretary, Cleo Schmucke, followed by the treasurer's report, given by Goldie Rozycke.

Corresponding Secretary Pauline Hanson reported receiving a thank-you card from Cecelia Cruse for the Christmas bag she received. A thank-you card was received from Rosemary Breyer for the sympathy card she received due to the death of her brother.

Thank-you cards were received from the following sisters for the monetary donation they received: Sister Jean Patrick, Sister Angeline, Sister Stanley, Sister Linda Mary, Sister Donna Marie and Sister Doloretta.

Friendship chair Marilyn

Schooley sent a get-well card to Rose Marie Nagy. A sympathy card was sent to Ed Hagnauer due to the death of his mother.

Membership chairperson Connie McGee reported 75 members in attendance, with six new members: Arlene Haldeman, Mary Jo Mothershed, Ann Fryntzko, Andrew Fryntzko, Carmen Dickerson, and Joe Halzum.

In the absence of Irma Manning, trip chair, Lucille Caban, reported a trip on the Para-Dice Casino in Peoria is scheduled for March 22. The price is \$5. We will leave the church parking lot at 7 a.m., cruise from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and enjoy a buffet lunch at 2:30 p.m. We will leave Peoria at 3:30 p.m.

Birthdays celebrated in December were Goldie Rozycke, Victoria McQuay, Zita Bequette and Marie Szymczek.

Birthdays celebrated in January were Norma Tankersley and Warren Bequette.

Birthdays celebrated in February were Art Oberle, Lucille Caban and Cecelia Mance.

A raffle was held and Cathy Wiese was the winner of a beautiful afgan.

The Holy Family fish fry will last every Friday until Easter. Young at Heart will take charge of the dessert table.

A St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef, ham and cabbage will be held at the monthly meeting on March 15. The price is \$5. Pauline Hanson is taking reservations and payments for this dinner. Cutoff date for reservations and payments is March 5.

Attendance prizes were won by Art Linders, Peggy Ritchie, Louise Gwasdack, Marie Stanek, Pat Thomas, Al Mance, Dale Ramey, Helen Mooshegan and Andrew Fryntzko.

The next monthly meeting will be at 6 p.m. March 12 in the church community center.



Kickoff Luncheon

The Madison County Home and Community Education Association held its annual Kickoff Luncheon at the Farm Bureau Auditorium in Edwardsville. The theme of the luncheon was "Family, Friends, and HCE Create Precious Memories." Holding forth during the luncheon were, from left, second vice president Doris Bassett, MCAHCE president Betty Blumberg and District 6 director Frances Griebel.

112th World Day of Prayer service in Granite City scheduled March 5

Christians in more than 170 countries around the world will gather on Friday, March 5, in observance of the 1999 World Day of Prayer Service.

In Granite City, the service will be sponsored by Church Women United at First United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Pontoon Road, with the program beginning at 1 p.m.

and refreshments following. This service, begun in 1887 by Presbyterian laywoman Mary Ellen James, which the World Day of Prayer brings women of various races, cultures, and Christian traditions in informed prayer and prayerful action.

The World Day of Prayer has been sponsored in the

United States by Church Women United since 1941. This year's service, written by Christian Women of Venezuela, focuses on theme "God's Tender Touch," and celebrates the gift of God's love.

Thanks is given for the abundance of natural resource in their native country, but w

are being challenged to become more aware of the needs that still among Venezuela's poor. On this day, we are invited by Venezuelan Christians to pray for a radical transformation of society that will reflect more fully God's redemptive grace, compassion and shalom.

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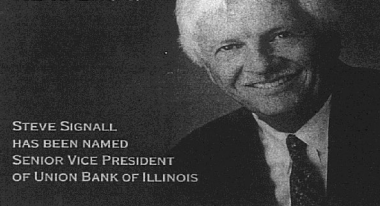
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Field Museum exhibits "Art of the Motorcycle"

By Rick Stoff

Much of the automobile is hidden by body work. It's been that way for 80 or 90 years, so much of the engineering work is functional without a trace of artistic thought. Every part of a motorcycle, however, is visible to the rider, observer and potential buyer. Everything on a motorcycle gets the beauty treatment when born on the drafting table.

An exhibit titled "The Art of the Motorcycle" continues through March 21 at the Field Museum in Chicago. The 75 vehicles in the exhibit range from an 1868 invention to current racing and sport bikes.

That first motorcycle was the Michaux-Perreaux Steam Velocipede built in France. A steam-generating mechanism is affixed below the rider's seat, dangerously close to the rider. Wooden wheels are circled by steel straps. Two thin belts of some sort carried propulsion to the back wheel.

The machine was said to have achieved 19 mph, but two pedals were affixed to the front wheel, in the style of a child's tricycle, just in case.

There was a brass era in automobiles, more or less after World War I, so called because of the brass lamps, radiator shells and other ornaments that adorned them. The brass arrived in motorcycles in 1896, when the Geneva was built in America. This motorcycle carried an elaborate brass steam boiler and other mysterious stuff, connected by numerous pieces of copper tubing, over the front wheel. Pretty and shiny, yes. Dangerous? We'd hate to think what would happen to all that compressed steam in the event of a fall.

Through the years, motorcycles reflected general design trends of their times. Early production motorcycles, such as a 1903 Indian, were little more than simple bicycles fitted with an engine. The bikes of the 1920s and 1930s, such as the 1923 BMW R32, reflected art deco tastes with dramatically flowing fenders and fuel tanks.

After World War II, American prosperity was reflected in the 1948 Indian Chief, a vision in red and black and chrome. Big tires and massive fenders were connected by a long, low-slung frame.

A replica of the Harley-Davidson "Easy Rider" chopper built in 1969 for the Peter Fonda and Jack Nicholson movie is all chrome, except for the splashes of red, white and blue on its stars-and-stripes gas tank. The motorcycle used in the movie was stolen before the film premiered. Others in the exhibit, however, are originals borrowed from collections and museums around the world.

The notables include the 1907 Curtiss ridden to a 136-mph speed record by aviation legend Glenn Curtiss. A 1956 MV Augusta 500 Grand Prix was ridden to the 1956 world title by John Surtees, later a Formula One car champion.

One of the least inspiring machines started an empire. It's a 1963 Honda C100 Super Cub. Honda has sold about 26 million of these bikes, which led to a line of cars you may see on the road now and then.



2000 Neon matures into quieter, tighter car

The Neon has grown up, gone to finishing school and become more refined.

Instead of acting like a rampaging teenager, the 2000 Neon behaves more like a 30-something adult, yet its fun-to-drive character remains essentially intact.

Based on my recent drive in a pre-production model, it is considerably more pleasurable than the original without sacrificing any of its spunk.

The 105-inch wheelbase is 1 inch longer, and overall length has been increased by 2.6 inches. Inside, there is greater hip, head and shoulder room, which makes it one of the roomiest cars in the compact segment. The trunk capacity has grown from 11.8 cubic feet to 13.1 cubic feet, and a 60/40 split-folding rear seat is standard.

Production of the 2000 Neon, sold by both Plymouth and Dodge dealers, currently is gaining speed and cars should begin trickling into showrooms fairly soon. The four-door is the only model available at this point.

Its styling has evolved into a look that resembles a scaled-down Intrepid. The trademark oval headlights are still there, but bigger, with clear lenses for a jewel-like appearance. The base of the windshield has been moved 3 inches forward in order to maximize interior space and aerodynamics.

A larger exhaust system and the application of sound-absorbing material reduced overall driving noise considerably. The doors have full frames and triple seals. The side windows on the frameless doors of the first Neon were prone to noise at highway speeds.

The car I drove was a very early pre-production model built for journalists to review, and its level of fit and finish is not likely to be equal to that of a full production model. At highway speeds I noticed some wind and tire noise coming from the back doors or rear seat area, but overall the new car is quieter than its predecessor.

I drove a basic model whose only option was air conditioning, and it had a sticker price of \$13,890. An AM/FM stereo cassette with six speakers is standard, as are four cup holders, rear defroster, floor mats, a battery-saver that shuts off the dome light if it gets left on, and body-colored door handles, moldings and fascia front and rear.

The first Neon was designed to provide a spacious interior and snappy performance at a price low enough to be competitive with imports. Its 2.0-liter, single-overhead-cam (SOHC), 135-horsepower engine quickly established it as one of the hotter small cars around.

The 2000 model uses the same engine, but it has been refined with new cylinder head cover, timing belt cover and exhaust manifold. Redesigned engine mounts isolate passengers from noise and vibration. While this engine's horsepower output is the same, it has more mid-range punch because of retuning.

Transmission choices include the standard five-speed or the optional three-speed automatic.

The brake system has been updated for better pedal feel. Four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock traction control are available as an option.

A stronger body structure results in a tighter, less noisy ride. Wheel travel, especially in the back, has been increased for a smoother ride. Handling still is responsive, with front and rear stabilizer bars to minimize body lean.

Inside the cabin, numerous small shelves and storage places are available for cell phones, coins and drinks. The locking glove box has holders for a pen and tire gauge. Big gulp drinks with handles will fit into the cup holders. The instrument panel has a soft-touch texture, while the cloth seats are more subdued than in the previous car. Even on the base model the front seats have good lateral support, while upscale versions get more pronounced contouring and adjustable headrests.

The small-car segment accounts for nearly one-third of sales, and 1.5 million Neons have been sold since 1994. The new car's character has been honed to provide more comfort without sacrificing performance, and the interior is even larger. What else could a buyer want?

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Barbara Ponder
Correspondent

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Nora Carr, the marketing director for the Cooperating School Districts, said she looks for applicants with internships or other practical experience as well as writing and technical skills.

"They need to know desktop and layout programs, word processing and spreadsheets, and they need to know databases," Carr said. "The more of those kinds of skills you have the more likely you will be to get that first job."

Carr said the people enter the field with a variety of degrees such as business, accounting, marketing and journalism.

Carr holds a bachelor's degree in English literature, which is a "nontraditional path to marketing," she said.

However, she also had worked on the school newspaper, covered municipal meetings for the Suburban Journals, and acquired other writing experience.

"That's what got me my first job," she said. "Writing is so key in any aspect of marketing."

Carr spoke in a telephone interview during a break from CSD's 16th Annual Midwest Educational Technology Conference.

"This is definitely something you have to market to get people to come and attend," she said.

CSD used a multi-tiered marketing strategy that included direct mail to specific educators and ads in trade journals. About



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CSD, public relations and marketing are handled in one department.

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"They need to know desktop and layout programs, word processing and spreadsheets, and they need to know databases."

Nora Carr

marketing director for the Cooperating School Districts

1,500 from 30 states and Canada attended last week's event.

Although once distinct professions, the line has become blurred between public relations and marketing.

In some organizations, like

CSD Leadership Team, Focus groups, surveys and other research provides data about the services CSD's member districts want from it.

"I spend a lot of my time in the market research and analy-

sis area," Carr said. "Staff members deal with the specific aspects of marketing."

The 1998-99 Occupation Outlook Handbook from the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics provides detailed information on about 250 occupations.

The handbook reports that employment of advertising, marketing and public relations directors is expected to increase through 2006, with competition remaining intense for those positions.

Demand for marketing research analysts should remain strong as well.

Carr said the explosion of commerce on the worldwide web has increased opportunities in the field for those with a love of technology, strategic abilities and creativity.

"A lot of the people leading the pack are self-taught at this point," she said.

Carr suggests that individuals who want to pursue a career in marketing take computer courses, perhaps through a community college or technical school, in studies to their undergraduate studies.

Despite the influx and importance of technology in marketing, Carr says the relationship remains building relationships with people and good face to face communication.

"Nothing is going to replace relationships with people and good face to face communication," Carr said.

Both introverts and extroverts can do well in marketing. "The main thing is to listen much more than you talk," Carr said.

"You have to treat people the way you want to be treated. Spend time with them. Nothing goes away faster than a relationship you don't spend time on."

By Kent R. Davies

Believe it or not, your phone can be your most effective job hunting tool. You phone competency ultimately says much more about your professionalism than well crafted resumes or glowing letters of recommendation.

Some key points to remember in utilizing your phone as a successful job hunting tool:

PHONE TECHNOLOGY: At the very least, don't miss any important calls by not investing in a good answering machine or phone answering service.

When you record outgoing messages make sure you present a professional image to the caller. For instance, "This is John McMahon. I am unable to take your call at this time.

At the beep please leave your name, phone number, and the purpose of your call and I will gladly get back to you within the hour. Again, thank you for calling."

When away from your phone, check your messages at least every hour no matter how inconvenient. If you won't be able to return a call within the hour because you're on a job interview, change your outgoing message until you can once again change the message. Get a machine that lets you change your outgoing message from an outside phone.

WARM THE CALL: When answering a possible

recruitment call first hold your breath and then let it out very slowly as you answer the phone. Smile as you speak (smiles really do work) and clearly enunciate your greeting in a fairly low voice directly into the phone's receiver. For instance, "Hello. This is Mary Stough. Thank you for calling."

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Granite City High School teachers Bill Fuhse and Barry Grote do their homework with the help of Teachers Teaching With Technology trainer Aurelia Weil.



Dupo High School teacher James Thomas, from left, O'Fallon High School teacher Pat Hasenstab and Sparta High School teacher Martha House brush up on their skills.



Freeburg High School teachers Missie Steve and Greg Frerking concentrate on the task at hand.



Venice High School teacher James Fulton, left, and Belleville West teacher Ryan Endsley use their calculators.



At right, Granite City High School teacher Denise Albrecht and Coulterville High School teacher Gayle North put their heads together to solve a math problem. The workshop was hosted by BAC's Math Department with funding from the Belleville Area College Foundation Monsanto Fund and Texas Instruments.

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Female consumers becoming stronger, more influential

By Cathy Pozold
Staff writer

With more women buying houses, making investments and starting their own businesses, they have become a strong consumer group. But some women still feel overwhelmed when making purchases.

Some local businesses have noticed this trend and even target women as potential customers.

Linda Behlmann, who with husband Ken Behlmann owns one new- and five used-car locations in the St. Louis area, said she has noticed the growing trend of women consumers. She said Behlmann Carnation advertisements started directly addressing women in November.

"The female buyer has changed," Linda Behlmann said. "She's a powerful tool,

and we want her business."

Behlmann said women, whether single or in a relationship, have significant input concerning purchases.

"We're not perceived as decision makers," she said. "But research has shown that 80 percent of the decision-makers are women."

Behlmann said this is why her husband chose women as a target market.

"We wanted to target them because they do know what they're talking about, and we knew that the female buyer was becoming a very strong part of the buyer's market," she said.

Behlmann said to target women consumers they started directly addressing women in their advertising.

"Our strategy was to get the word out that we wanted her business," Behlmann said. "Then we had to back that up

with the way we treated her when she came in to buy a car."

Behlmann said women often feel uncomfortable when buying a car because they feel like salesmen talk down to them or don't take them seriously.

"I know they have been treated as second-class citizens sometimes, and if that's the case, consumers need to let their salesmen know, because that's how they make their living and they need to realize that women are a powerful consumer group," she said.

Judy McMurry, 57, of Kirkwood, has owned more than a dozen cars in her life and said her experience

through the years has shown salesmen are treating women better.

"There were times when they talked down to me as a woman," she said. "But it has

improved so much. It's gotten much better."

Hattie Stunson, a real estate consultant for Century 21 Suburban in Florissant, said real estate agents also should address women and their specific needs.

"Working with the female buyer, it's important we tell her there are various programs that will help her with her closing cost," said Stunson, who has been in the real estate business for 14 years.

Stunson said she has utilized several area agencies when working with clients, and she also recommends building inspections to first-time homebuyers.

"As an agent, we should recommend a building inspection," Stunson said.

"Even though that may take a little more time and cause a little more stress, that's what

we should do as responsible agents."

Stunson said she also tries to inform her clients about financing.

"If a woman comes to me and maybe doesn't have her finances in order, I'll tell her what she needs to do to get them in place so she can qualify to buy a home," Stunson said.

John McArthur, owner of Johnny Mac's Sporting Goods, also has seen women become a larger market in the sporting goods business during the past three decades. He has four locations in St. Louis and distribution centers in Lansing, Mich., as well as Orlando, Fla.

"I've seen the transition from the days of the late '60s and '70s when girls only played sports in school and maybe into college to today where more and more women are playing all types of sports into

their adult lives," he said.

McArthur said his company features "high-end quality" merchandise that targets competitive rather than casual athletes. He said his company mainly targets sports teams, which has always included women's teams.

"We've incorporated specific sales programs that are directed toward women's sport teams," he said. "Women have always been one of our markets, but they are definitely a larger and stronger one now than they were 20 years ago."

McArthur said women's involvement in sports has increased because society has changed.

"As the attitudes have changed in society that women are no longer expected to stay home and raise families, it's obvious as consumers they would become a target."

Florissant businessman forms opposition group to St. Louis 2004 efforts

By Michael Penrod
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With the 21st century just around the corner, many activists are piecing together plans for the area's future.

Among them are the new Citizens Action Network (CAN), led by Florissant resident Tom Buzetta.

Buzetta, a lifelong resident of the St. Louis area and owner of a small distribution business in Florissant, said he

founded CAN in response to programs initiated by the organization St. Louis 2004, made up of civic leaders in the region.

He described CAN as a "handful of people" from the St. Louis area.

He said the plans proposed by St. Louis 2004 are, for the most part, unconstitutional and unhealthy for the St. Louis area. He said they often require a supervisory board consisting of appointed

individuals rather than elected ones.

"There's really not much accountability with these organizations," Buzetta said. "You can't remove them from office if they do something you don't think is good."

Buzetta said many of the programs offered by St. Louis 2004 are nothing more than a case of the organization "reinventing the wheel." He said there is nothing wrong with the current way of doing

business in the St. Louis area.

"We have a good system, and if we follow the constitution and use common sense we can pretty much get done what we need to get done," Buzetta said.

Among the programs offered by St. Louis 2004 that CAN disagrees with is the idea of consolidating the largely fragmented St. Louis region into one larger socio-economic powerhouse.

Buzetta said such action is

unnecessary. He argues that allowing smaller municipalities to obtain U.S. Treasury interest-free loans to develop infrastructure would prove more effective in stimulating local economies.

Buzetta said this would keep regional planning bureaucracies like the Regional Commerce and Growth Association and the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council out of municipal governments.

But Karla Goldstein, communications manager for St. Louis 2004, said Buzetta misunderstands the organization's intent.

"We are not proposing that we merge seven counties in Missouri with five counties in Illinois," Goldstein said. "We feel the area should market itself as one economic unit because that is what we essentially are."

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